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CREASY MASTER AGAIN.

Keystone Grange Exchange Directors Elected—500 Shares of Stock Purchased.

The organization of the Keystone Grange Exchange, the corporation through which the State Grange expects to establish co-operative buying and selling among the farmers of the state, was advanced at the State Grange meeting in Clearfield, when the Grangers elected five directors to manage the affairs of the corporation.

The men elected are Thomas B. Palmer, Delaware county, for five years; T. M. Johnson, Washington, for four years; William Armstrong, Luzerne county, for three years; Harry S. Shanline, Montgomery county, for two years, and Archie Billinge, Erie county, for one year.

The Grange voted to purchase 500 shares of stock in the corporation, and subordinate Granges and individual members subscribed heavily to the capital, which was placed at $100,000 an increase from $10 000 having been authorized. Offices for the exchange will be opened in Harrisburg. The exchange intends to establish at once a bureau of information upon crop and market conditions and to contract heavily for the purchase of articles for farm use. It will also proceed to organize local exchanges and provide storage facilities for farm crops. A system of farm credits will be worked out and the entire proposition of farm economics gone into. It was voted by the Grange that only members of the order shall be eligible to membership in the corporation.

The election of officers occupied the session on Thursday afternoon. The Grange system of elections is novel. The roll of counties was called and delegates, having been supplied with credentials, presented them to the treasurer and received their mileage in cash. Then they filed past the fifteen sets of tellers and deposited separate ballots for each officer.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Most of the former officers were re-elected. The full list is appended:

Master, William T. Creasy, Columbia county; overseer, E. B. Dorsett, Tioga county; lecturer, Reuben P. Kester, Clearfield county; chaplain, the Rev. H. G. Tesgarden, Jefferson county; treasurer, S. E. Nevin, Chester county; secretary, J. T. Allman, Juniata county; gatekeeper, Arthur Chase, Bradford county; pomona, Mrs. Georgia M. Piolett, Bradford county; flora, Mrs. Anna R. Brunges, Wyoming county; ceres, Dr. Hannah McK. Lyons, Chester county; member of executive committee, for three years, William Armstrong, Luzerne county.

The place for the next meeting was referred to the executive committee. Invitations were received from York, Lebanon, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Greensburg. The newly elected officers were installed Friday morning by Hon. Leonard Rhone, who was master of the State Grange for eighteen years.

Through its secretary, John M. McSparran, the legislative committee brought in a report which was enthusiastically adopted. The items touched on briefly stated are these:

Opposed to shipping liquor into dry territory; in favor of a state antitreating law; against granting licenses to saloons.

More stringent laws are favored; opposed to the central bank scheme, ship subsidy, and against tariff schedules that enables trusts to maintain a higher price for the home-consumed product than they get for that which they export.

Favor the election of United States senators by popular vote; the payment by the state of the minimum salary of public school teachers.

The Sproul road bill is criticised, and the conclusion of the road question is reached thus:

The roads in which we are most interested are the roads to the store, the station and the market place. We want the low roads stoned and drained, the well drained roads king dragged and the water courses kept open. This will give us all good roads and will not need the services of a civil engineer or an imported superintendent, and we will not need to meet any interest charges on a bonded debt. We demand that the bill which has so often passed the house levying 1 mill additional on corporate and personal property for schools and roads be made law, which law would produce about $7,000 000 annually for these great needs."

Lady Show You, a hen that won the national egg-laying contest at the state poultry station, Mountain Grove, Missouri, this year, was sold at Springfield, Missouri, for $800 by J. A. Bickerdite, of Millersville, Illinois.

The hen has a record of laying 281 full-weight eggs this year. She is a White Plymouth Rock.

PARCEL POST.

Law Becomes Effective January 1st—Packages Limited to Eleven Pounds—Special Stamp Must be used.

Postmaster George M. Boal has received instructions relative to the new parcel post law, which goes into effect on January 1st, 1913. The law provides:

"That hereafter fourth class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second, or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

It will be observed that the rates of postage are largely reduced and that the limit of weight is increased from four to eleven pounds. Parcels will be delivered at all free delivery offices, and to patrons residing on rural and star routes; they may be registered and may be accorded special delivery service on payment of the usual fees, and they may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed $15, upon payment of a fee of five cents. Distinctive stamps must be used on all parcels, but they may be mailed in quantities of not less than 2 000 identical pieces without stamps affixed, the postage being paid in money.

The postoffice department is urging that the widest publicity be given to the following features of the proposed parcel post regulations:

"That distinctive parcel post stamps must be used on all fourth class matter, beginning January 1, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as held for postage."

"That parcels will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

"That all parcels must bear the return card of the sender, otherwise it will not be accepted for mailing."

The reason for desiring to give this the widest possible publicity is to be found in the fact that after January 1, all fourth class matter goes under the parcel post law and the ordinary postage stamps will not be valid upon any matter of this class.

It is anticipated that until the public grasps this fact there will be found quantities of fourth class mail bearing the ordinary postage "held for postage" because the special parcel postage stamps were not used.

Rebersburg.

Mrs. Sidney Krumrine is at present housed up with erysipelas on her face.

John Rudy, of Selinsgrove, spent part of this week at this place among old acquaintances.

William Minnich, of Aaronsburg, was in this place on last Tuesday and helped his son Lester to do some work.

Mrs. Sarah Leitzel, of Aaronsburg, is spending this week at the home of Samuel Mowery, where she is employed as a seamstress.

Samuel Winters, who spent the past summer in Indiana, has returned home and will spend the winter months in town with his parents.

C. C. Long quite recently sold one of his fine driving horses to Earl Meyer, of Loganton, who lost his old and faithful horse by death.

The hog cholera is still raging in the eastern part of this valley. Adam Wolf, a farmer, quite recently lost four fattening hogs with that dreaded disease.

Herbert Smull, who was for the past two months employed at Tyrone at his trade of masoning, has returned home and will in the near future begin to work for Mr. Maze, the marble man at Howard.

Eighteen fine Percheron colts, ranging from two to four years old were brought to this place from Crawford county, and placed in the stables at the hotel, where they are offered at private sale. This is a fine lot of colts and they take the eye of the buyers.

Miss Maude Motz, of Middleburg, a lady in her twenties, who is visiting at Livonia, took ill suddenly and Dr. J. W. Bright was at once sent for. He pronounced the disease to be appendicitis, and a few days later he assisted by Dr. Ball, of Lock Haven, performed an operation. The young lady is now getting along very well.

Road Application at 718 Miles.

Figures compiled at the state highway department show that from June 1 to December 1, applications were filed for state aid in the construction of 718 miles of highway. This is the largest mileage known in a similar period.

50-CENT POTATOES.

Consumer Growls and Grower is Not Sure He Has a Profit at That Price.

About the silliest thing imaginable is the everlasting complaining because the farmer, the tiller of the soil, is getting the cost of production and a small margin above it, in some instances, for the products of farm and garden. For many years the farmer was a slave. He was obliged to sell below cost, to say nothing of profit. It was only his willingness to work from daylight until after dark that made it possible for him to make a living on a rented farm, or, if he owned it, to live and make an interest of two to three per cent. on his investment.

Consumers now are kicking because the farmer is getting fifty cents a bushel for potatoes. At what price would the consumer like to have them? The average yield of potatoes in Centre county is not over one hundred bushels per acre, which at fifty cents per bushel would be $50.00. Last spring seed potatoes were worth from $1 00 to $1 50 per bushel, and many farmers were obliged to buy. Deduct $12 00 for seed, and there remains $38 00 per acre. Before a profit is reckoned you must also deduct the cost of plowing, preparing the seed bed, fertilizers, cultivation, harvesting sorting, hauling to market, interest on the land wear and tear on implements—how much have you left?

Then again take the potato crop of last year, 1911. Who reimbursed the farmer for the total failure of the crop? He had all the expense last year he had this, yet no return.

What other class of workmen are there outside of the farmers who put their energy, skill, money against a season that will produce a paying crop? The laborer gets his wages at night fall; the lender takes a mortage; the farmer the chances that the season will be favorable to the growth of a good crop. If the crop fails, he denies himself the luxuries—if he ever enjoyed them—and many times necessities, and when springtime comes he plants again.

Why should not the farmer have a profit? The man who complains because of the high cost of living, nine times out of ten, lives very much better than the farmer can afford to who grows the crop the price of which is complained of.

If some of the city people and those in smaller towns were obliged to accept the small profit—if profit it can be called—earned by the tiller of the soil, they would be in the mad house in a brief space of the time.

The field is open. If some of these city and town people would come out and show the farmer how to raise potatoes at eleven cents a bushel, and live on the "profit" the farmer of today would follow his methods.

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Linden Hall.

F. E. Wieland and family spent Sunday with friends in Reedsville returning in the evening.

Mrs. J. H. Ross and son Lynn were among the Bellefonte shoppers on Saturday.

The United Evangelical church will hold a Christmas service on Tuesday evening, the twenty-fourth.

Mrs. Minerva Fortney, Mrs. William Fortney and little son, of Harrisburg, are visiting at the J. L. Tressler home.

Mrs. Kate Kemmerer who spent the past two months here, returned to her home at State College on Saturday.

Ned Keller, who has been a student at Selinsgrove University, returned home on Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

John Gingerich moved his saw mill from the Kimport tract to this place where he has a contract to saw a lot of lumber for J. H. Ross.

The many friends of Professor S. C. Miller learn, with regret, of his serious illness with diphtheria at his home near Chester. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, of Pine Grove and well known in this section.

On Sunday evening while on the way from this place to State College Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks and uncle Joseph Gross, were thrown from their buggy at the turn in the road near Levi Roan's near Lemont. They attempted to pass a buggy, but got too close to the bank. The buggy upset and the horse ran away but was captured and brought back by Earnest Wagner. Aside from a few bruises all escaped serious injuries.

Christmas Post Cards.

Christmas post cards are on sale at the Reporter office at the popular price of fifteen cents per dozen. Sent by mail, postage paid. Every card is new.

Probably the oldest person in Blair county died when Mrs. Lydia Bixler passed away at her home in Altoona, at the age of ninety-five years seven months and twenty-one days.

S. S. BROWN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Milroy Hotel Man Falls Through Trestle Thirty Feet.

Samuel S. Brown, familiarly known as "Stackey" Brown, the Milroy Hotel man, was seriously injured on Wednesday of last week. In the morning of that day he and several others had gone to Middleburg, and thinking to make a short cut to the home of Hiram Baker, where his wife was awaiting him, Mr. Brown dropped off a Reedsville car at the junction of the Burnham trolley tracks on the Yeagertown side, and attempting to cross the high trestle bearing the trolley tracks over Buck Run, he missed his footing and fell between the ties a distance of thirty feet to the rocky ground beneath, sustaining serious injuries.

He was picked up by iron workers, taken to a near by house, and a doctor summoned. Later he was rushed to the Lewistown hospital, when he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain in addition to severe bruises and lacerations. A deep gash was found upon the back of his head, and his face was battered into a shapeless mass, both eyes being swollen shut. The body was generally bruised especially the right leg, but fortunately there were no broken bones. Mr. Brown's back was severely wrenched and it is feared there are internal injuries. He lay that night in a semi-conscious condition, at times irrational, but was able to recognize attendants and faintly understood he had been injured. The doctors, however took an optimistic view of the case and anticipate no fatal results.

Lutheran Ministers Change Fields.

Rev. C. H. Bottiger of the Belleville charge was unanimously elected pastor of the Burnham Lutheran church, and will enter his new field of endeavor January 1st. Lutherans of Burnham have been without a regular pastor since Rev. D. E. Hoshaur left for Midvale about one year ago. The pulpit has since been filled by supply ministers from Mt. Airy Seminary.

Rev. Mack Havice, at present pastor of the Montgomery Lutheran charge, has accepted a call to the Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio, English Lutheran church. The minister is a native of Havice Valley, Mifflin county, and is accredited to be a successful pastor.

Against Comedy in Church.

"Cut the comedy" was the order of the Rev J. M. Guss, of the Middleburg Lutheran Church, as he assumed a critic's role at a rehearsal of a Christmas entertainment being conducted by the Sunday school superintendent, John Kreeger a wealthy banker and member of the church council. Kreeger has resigned and a split in the congregation threatens.

Mrs. Kreeger, following the altercation between her husband and the minister, called the Rev. Mr. Guss a dictator and the rehearsal broke up. Mr. Guss claims the entertainment is irreverent and not at all suitable as a sacred cantata.

Corn Shredder Does Damage.

Walter L. Hackman, of near Rebersburg, got his right hand in a cog wheel on a corn shredder, and the result was the middle and ring fingers were crushed to the third joint, and the little finger to the second joint. The young man, who is in the beginning of the twenties, was operating the shredder for Harry Royer, and work was being done for John Day, a neighbor of Mr. Royer.

Dr. Frank and Dr. Bright gave the injury attention, the amputation of several fingers being necessary.

M. M. Keller on Operating Table.

Farmer Martin M. Keller, west of Centre Hall, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday of last week, and Friday was operated on for a rupture. Saturday Mr. Keller suffered greatly, but since then he has been improving, and there are bright prospects that he will fully recover. He had been suffering from the rupture for a considerable length of time, and finally the pain became almost unbearable.

No Paper Next Week.

With this paper the Reporter has issued in 1912 fifty numbers, and as has been the custom for many years, not only with the local papers in Centre county, but throughout the state, the issue during Christmas week will be omitted. The next issue of this paper will, therefore, appear on the second day of January.

The Centre Reporter wishes all its patrons and its friends a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year's Day, and the prosperity deserved during the entire year.

The Reporter Supplement.

The Centre Reporter this week contains a full page supplement, containing several columns of pure local matter, as well as advertising.

DEATHS

Mrs. Moses Stover died after an illness of but five hours, on Thursday night of last week, at her home at Spring Mills. She was busily engaged in the kitchen performing household duties when she was stricken with paralysis, and her condition at once became alarming. Five hours later she was dead.

Interment was made in the cemetery connected with the Union church, at Farmers Mills, on Tuesday morning.

Before her marriage Mrs. Stover was Miss Cathe ine Meese, a daughter of the late Jacob Meese. She was aged fifty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty-three days. There survive her husband; one daughter (Annie), wife of Perry K. Detwiler, who lives with her parents, and three brothers and sisters: Calvin, Little Rock, Arkansas; John, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Sarah Armbruster, Farmers Mills; Mrs. Emma Homan, Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover lived at Farmers Mills for many years, but about a year ago they purchased the Spring Mills hotel and moved into it.

Isabelle L. Barree, wife of David Barree, deceased, died on Saturday, aged eighty-five years, two months, and sixteen days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John C. Kuhn, at Old Fort.

The deceased was born in Huntingdon county, but lived at Spring Mills for more than fifty years. She was a life long member of the Methodist church. She is survived by one son, Wm. F. Barree, of Altoona; and four daughters, Mrs. Susan Kuhn, Old Fort; Mrs. Carrie E. Jones, Altoona; Mrs. Mary L. Ream, Harrisburg, and Mrs. Millie Brian, Spring Mills.

[Altoona and Harrisburg papers are requested to copy.]

Wesley V. Tate, born at Martha Furnace in 1854, died in Altoona from a complication of diseases, having been an invalid for four years. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was employed in the Pennsylvania car shops. He was a Civil war veteran, having served in the 54th Regiment. A wife and one brother, Edward Tate, of Washington, survive.

Mrs. Mary Bodle, widow of the late James Bodle, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Henry Shuey, near State College, aged seventy-seven years and five months. She is survived by one son, William, of State College, thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister also survive. Burial was made in the Houserville cemetery.

Mrs. Susannah Harnish Tussey Irvin, widow of the late Ellis Irvin, for many years one of Philipsburg's most highly esteemed residents, died in Philipsburg. She was born in Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, and was aged seventy years, five months, nineteen day.

Mrs Daniel Kahl died at her home in Greenburr, aged about fifty-two years. Deceased is survived by her husband and four daughters, two of whom, the Misses Anna and Laura, are public school teachers in Michigan. Funeral services were held in the United Evangelical church at Greenburr by Rev. Ralph Smith.

William T. Billets, died at his home nea. Nittany of apoplexy, after a brief illness. He was seventy-five years, five months and twenty-five days old and is survived by his wife and a number of children.

Joseph Dougherty, born in Bellefonte, in 1849 died in Altoona. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Arthur B. Lee, sheriff to S. S. McCormick, 12 acres of land in Boggs twp. $45.

Arthur B. Lee, sheriff to Mary C. Eckert, premises in Marion twp. $310.

John M. Wieland et ux to L. E Kidder, 2 lots in State College. $1400.

John Spencer to John Bodenesak, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. $500.

Lutheran Church trustees to Howard E. Wells, lot in Spring twp. $1.

Lloyd Eckenroth to Sadie C. Hile, tract of land in Spring twp. $333.33.

William Hile et al to Lloyd Eckenroth, tract of land in Spring twp. $300.

W. D. Zerby, guardian to Sadie C. Hile, tract of land in Spring twp. $66 66

Margaret H. Ammermans' heir to H. A. Ellis, premises in Boggs twp. $125.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Hon. B. K. Focht will again be a candidate for congress two years hence.

The hotel at New Berlin of which Joel Kerstetter was landlord a few years ago was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Rebecca Scholl is at the home of E. C. Harter, in Georges Valley, where her niece, Miss Annie Weaver, is housekeeper.

"What is Centre Hall's greatest need; how may it be attained?" The best answer will be worth $5 00 to the contributor.

Daniel Klinger will follow Charles W. Weaver as tenant on the Van Tries farm near Linden Hall, Mr. Klinger now lives on the Speer farm, near Peru.

Miss Helen Luse went to Laurelton and is at the home of her grandfather, Joel Kerstetter. She may remain for the greater part of the winter, but at least until Christmas.

The Reporter will be ready to place the thirteen and fourteen opposite the subscribers' names if they will be willing to send us a small remittance. Look at your label, and see how you stand.

Mrs. George Jackson came from State College with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Smith, last week, and for several days assisted her in getting her home fixed up. The Smiths had their furniture sent here a few days previous.

The Lock Haven Board of Trade and Civic Club have arranged to hold a Chautauqua course of entertainment in that city during the summer months. The entertainment will be of a high order, one of the lecturers is William Jennings Bryan, the peerless Democratic leader.

Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Brisbin, of Centre Hall, left for Hartford, Connecticut, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. George Robertson. They will likely go to other points, as it was declared that the itinerary had not been completed when leaving here.

Many of the exchanges that reach the Reporter's table, like this paper, were obliged to add extra pages to accommodate the advertisers. This all indicates that newspaper advertising is believed in by merchants, and this is believed because such advertising has proven to be profitable.

It has been informally announced that William Reitz, formerly an instructor in the Agricultural Department at Pennsylvania State College, but now located in Maryland, and Miss Ruth Thomas, until a few weeks ago a compositor in this office, will be married the day before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller, at Phoenixville, on Wednesday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The affair was celebrated in a fitting style. A number of invitations were sent to friends and relatives in Centre county, and among those who responded were Mrs. Kate Conley, and Christ D. Keller.

The show windows in Montgomery's clothing store, in Bellefonte, are especially attractive, and shows excellent taste on the part of the decorator. At Montgomery's the show is not all on the exterior. Every piece of clothing purchased at this store has a distinctive quality. To be clothed with Montgomery's clothing is to be well clothed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Musser, of Zion, were in Gregg township on Sunday, returning home on Monday. They visited Mr. Musser's father, David J. Musser, who is quite feeble. The senior Mr. Musser is in his eighty-fourth year. He was recently visited by Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, his former pastor, and this gave him much comfort.

Charles W. Weaver, of near Linden Hall, announces sale for March 19th. This will be one of the largest sales in the valley, and among other stock will be offered seven head of horses, forty-five head of cattle, thirty hogs, and a full line of farming implements and tools. Most of the implements are new. This will be a clean up sale, as Mr. Weaver will quit farming operations although he has not decided what he will do after he disposes of his stock, etc.

Harry Neff, after being employed for a period of two years as a farmer by S. W. Smith, will quit his post some time after the holidays. Mr. Neff is something of a horse trainer, and during the time he has been employed by Mr. Smith trained six three year olds in good style, and is now getting the seventh into line. He has been unusually successful in this role, and invariably took the raw animals, and step by step with little or no assistance brought them under good management.

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CONTAGION NOT INFECTION.

For many years the idea of infection in disease has gradually merged into contagion. The International Congress of Hygiene, which held its sessions in Washington, would seem to have definitely settled that disease conveyance is always by contagion and not infection. It is contact, either direct or indirect, with a patient suffering from a particular disease that causes the occurrence of that disease in a second patient. Much used to be said of infected places, says the New York Herald. Swamps, low ground or marshy surroundings were thought to be the cause of disease. The night air had a bad reputation as a fomenter of illness of various kinds. Now we know that it is the mosquito which directly carries various diseases and acts as an intermediate host between one human victim and another. In the same way other carriers of disease have been found. Flies, fleas, ticks, rats and various forms of parasites are responsible for disease distribution. Even among human beings certain individuals prove to be "carriers" of infectious material. They may be insusceptible themselves or have acquired immunity from the disease, yet can convey it to others. Always when a communicable disease occurs it can be traced to a preceding case with which there has been contact either directly or indirectly.

Dr. Wiley is right in his contention that people die too young. Human life should be prolonged, and it can be by higher education on matters of hygiene. The average expectation of life in the United States is only about 44 years. It should be much higher, and probably will be hereafter, for people are learning more and more concerning the prevention of disease. As a matter of fact, the most valuable study in our schools is hygiene, says the Boston Globe. If the young folks are taught the value of food and moderate exercise they will grow up strong and possess a knowledge of how to take care of their bodies. There is too much ignorance among young and old concerning the proper care of the health. How few there are who know even how to eat; that is, to consume only those things which will create a sufficient supply of vitality with which to ward off disease. The sooner more attention is paid in all our institutions of learning to hygiene and kindred topics the better it will be for the students. None but the strong and healthy can enjoy life or engage successfully in its battles.

The age when we boasted of holding our own opinions is past. Today, if we possess any view at all, it is not usual to express them. This is a polite, a non-controversial age, one in which one fears to confess to strong feelings. To hold one's own opinion is to risk being called opinionated, and the world of today would avoid that at all costs, says the London Mirror. Our conversation has degenerated into a state of non-committal phraseology, and a superficial amiability is the right note to strike. Amiable we must be, the world demands it; argument is the worst of form. There was a time when two subjects only—politics and religion—were held taboo; today all subjects that may lead to dissension are to be avoided.

In 1908 Great Britain imported 348 American automobiles. See how the figures have expanded: 1909, 427; 1910, 1,101; 1911, 3,734. In the first six months of the present year the number of American automobiles purchased in Great Britain was 3,327. The total value of these machines was $481,000 in 1908 and $2,961,000 in 1911. The machines shipped to Great Britain from this country in the first half of the current year were worth $2,792,000. It is evident that American manufacturers can make serviceable automobiles, and make them cheaply.

Beyond reasonable duration, applause is an uncivilized nuisance. Public meetings are making it wear that character, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Manufactured applause is becoming a contest of "stunts." "Stunts" such as have been resorted to are simply barbarous. Public opinion should stop them and candidates should resent them. They made no votes. They are a hindrance to good manners and an offense to good taste.

Every automobile of Servia and Bulgaria was appropriated by the government at the outbreak of the war. Talk about the deprivations of the battlefield! They're not in it with the deprivations of the home!

A California man has just been given a judgment of $100,000 against a man who alienated the affections of his wife. Now it only remains for him to collect the judgment and marry again.

PARCELS POST REGULATIONS

What the Public Can and Cannot Send.

NO SNAKES ARE ALLOWED.

Postmaster General Hitchcock Issues Regulations—Railroad Officials Kick On Weighing and the Pay.

Washington. — According to the regulations governing the parcels post system promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restrictions as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles, likely quickly to decay, may be sent for short distances when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when packed properly in a container and for any distance when each egg is separately packed in a perfectly secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass, in whole or in part, must be securely packed and marked "fragile."

Articles that may not be sent by parcels post include intoxicating liquors of all kinds, poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles, explosives of every kind, inflammable articles, including matches; infernal machines, pistols or revolvers, disease germs, any obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law, live or dead animals or birds or live poultry, raw hides or pelts or anything having a bad odor.

Books and printed matter may not be forwarded at parcel post rates, but only at the pound rates of third-class matter.

A committee of railroad officials, headed by President Ralph Peters, of the Long Island Railroad, petitioned the House Postoffice Committee for a rearrangement of weighing and pay for transporting mails. The railroad men set out that they did not contemplate carrying the parcels post when their present contracts were made, and declared that as a matter of contract they were not obliged to accept packages weighing more than four pounds.

TOBACCO VS. CHOLERA.

Smoke From Cigar Of Pipe Deadly To Germs That Develop In Mouth.

Paris. — Tobacco is the most efficacious preventive of cholera, according to M. Wenck, a noted French scientist, who in a statement gave the results of his observations of the recent epidemic in Hamburg. "Tobacco smoke kills in five minutes cholera germs carried in saliva," he said. "I found that not a single employe in the cigar factories of Hamburg was affected by the disease, though several of them live in houses where there were cases of cholera."

BIG DEMAND FOR NEW COINS.

Government Finds Supply Of Quarters and Halves Is Limited.

Washington. — The Christmas demand for new quarters and halves is greater this year than ever before. The entire supply of new fractional coin at the Philadelphia Mint has been exhausted, and the Treasury Department is now drawing on the Denver Mint to satisfy the craving of the East for glittering silver. During the past few days the department has paid out $2,000,000 in quarters and $1,600,000 in halves.

GRACE SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Still Maintains That His Wife Shot Him For Insurance.

Newnan, Ga. — Reiterating the charge that his wife shot him to obtain his life insurance, Eugene H. Grace filed suit for divorce against Daisy Opie Grace. At her trial here in June Mrs. Grace was acquitted and returned to Philadelphia to live.

SUICIDE TO HYMN MUSIC.

"Nearer, My God, To Thee" Played On a Phonograph.

New York.—After placing a song record, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in a phonograph at their home in Brooklyn, Mrs. Marie Ulitzer, 60 years old, wife of a well-to-do architect, and her son, William Ulitzer, Jr., 40, fastened rubber tubes to their faces, turned on the gas and committed suicide.

FRESH WATER BENEATH SALT.

Peculiar Phenomena Discovered In San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco.—San Francisco Bay appears to be underlaid with a basin of fresh water. A pile 110 feet long driven in the bay bottom at the foot of Mission street today tapped a pressure vein that is still gushing. The first spurt rose four feet above the salt water. The jet was about 10 inches in diameter and continued undiminished at last reports.

THE PRICE OF PEACE

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TWO CONVICTED OF CORRUPTION

11th Pennsylvaina District Minus a Congressman.

LIE PASSED IN THE HOUSE.

Sitting Republican Member Ousted and His Democratic Contestant Declared Guilty Of Violating the Corrupt Practices Act.

Washington.—Representative Chas. C. Bowman, of the Eleventh Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the House by the passage, 153 to 118, of a resolution declaring that corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910. At the same time the House refused, 181 to 88, to seat George R. McLean, his Democratic opponent. It was charged on the floor that he had been guilty of the same practices as were alleged against Bowman. The seat from the Eleventh district will be vacant until March 4, when it will be filled by John J. Casey, a Democrat, elected in November.

The fight over the case on the floor was enlivened by a bitter passage between Representatives A. Mitchell Palmer and John R. Farr, both of Pennsylvania. Mr. Palmer had referred to the charge that the influence of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad had been used for Bowman.

"The gentleman must not forget the efforts which that corporation, through its officials, made for him at his solicitation," observed Mr. Farr, as he mentioned that Mr. Palmer was a local attorney for the railroad in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Palmer replied that he was a local counsel for the Lackawanna, but declared that any statement that he had ever solicited the aid of any corporation for himself or anyone else was a "wilful, deliberate and malicious falsehood." He demanded that Farr either apologize or prove his charge to the House.

The incident ended by Representative Heflin making a point of order and Uncle Joe Cannon counselling Representative Farr to "sit down."

MUST BE FIREPROOF.

Otherwise Santa Claus Will Be Barred From Gotham Stores.

New York.—Santa Claus is to be barred from New York—unless he is fireproof. Fire Commissioner Johnson so ruled. To enforce his ruling the fire commissioner started out inspectors to visit every store in the city which has a Santa Claus and to make sure that his whiskers and costume are non-inflammable.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

Secret Service Men Capture Italian and His Wife.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—With the melting pot at white heat and molds waiting for the liquid metal, Glacinto de Carrio and his wife were arrested at their home in Graddock by secret service operative William Nye and a squad of Braddock police. The officers confiscated 100 counterfeit half-dollars.

EXCOMMUNICANT SUES.

Pittsburgh Woman Asks $20,000 For Being Ousted From Church.

Pittsburgh.—Charging that she was excommunicated, Mrs. Edward Sutter filed a $20,000 damage suit against the Rev. John B. Wilson and Grant Street Reformed Presbyterian Church.

CUPID'S HEALTH LAW.

Governor Aldrich Will Propose Measure For Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb. — Governor Aldrich will in his forthcoming message to the Legislature recommend the enactment of a law to prevent the marriage of the physically or mentally unsound. He has not outlined fully his plan, but it will probably be similar to the laws in other States where registration is required.

THE COUNTRY'S BIG COTTON CROP

Most Valuable in History of the Country.

CROP IS 13,820,000 BALES.

In Quantity Second Only To the Record Crop Of Last Year. Texas Grew the Greatest Crop In Its History.

Washington.—The country's cotton crop this year will amount to 6,612,335,000 pounds of lint, exclusive of linters, the Department of Agriculture estimated in its annual report. This is equivalent to 13,820,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, and makes the crop this year, in point of quantity, second only to the great record crop of 15,692,701 bales, exclusive of linters, grown last year. It is probable this year's crop may rank as the most valuable ever produced.

The quantity of linter cotton last year amounted to 278,790,000 pounds. With this as a basis, it is estimated unofficially that linter cotton production this year will amount to 491,300 bales, or 235,038,000 pounds, making the entire crop, including linters, approximate 14,311,300 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, or 6,847,373,000 pounds of lint.

With an average price of 12½ cents a pound, this quantity would be worth about $855,920,000. Approximating the value of this year's cotton seed at $131,000,000, the average for the past three years, the total value of the cotton crop this year would be about $986,920,000. Should the crop yield this amount of money it would rank as the most valuable cotton crop ever produced.

The Department of Agriculture's official estimate of the crop last year, made at a corresponding date, was 14,885,000 bales. The Census Bureau's official report on production for the year was 15,692,701 bales.

Texas this year grew the greatest crop it ever produced; the department's estimate placing the quantity at 4,850,000 bales. North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Missouri all produced crops greater than the average 1906-1910.

$33,615.35 FOR INJURIES.

St. Paul (Minn.) Woman Awarded Record Verdict.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Supreme Court upheld the largest verdict for personal injuries in its history. Mrs. B. A. Blakely, of Minneapolis, recovering, as a result, $33,615.35. Mrs. Blakely was permanently injured when a Minneapolis street car struck a carriage in which she was riding on November 20, 1908. Frank D. Blakely, the husband, was awarded damages in the sum of $16,026.12 by the Supreme Court.

KILLS 17-YEAR-OLD WIFE.

Man Also Shoots Mother-In-Law and Tries To Escape.

Coatesville, Pa.—Returning from a rabbit hunt, William Potts, 23 years old, shot and killed his 17-year-old wife and probably fatally injured his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edward Slater. The shooting is said to have been the result of a family quarrel. Potts attempted to escape on a freight train, but was captured and lodged in jail here. Mrs. Slater is in a hospital with a bullet wound in her thigh and is not expected to recover.

NEW POST FOR GOETHALS.

Taft May Make Him Governor Of the Canal Zone.

Washington. — President Taft is thinking of offering the governorship of the Panama Canal Zone to Colonel George Goethals, the builder of the canal. If Mr. Taft makes his proposed Panama trip it is practically certain that he will offer the post to Colonel Goethals and take up with him, whether he accepts or not, plans for the zone government.

ALLEN LEADER ESCAPES DEATH

Sentenced at Wytheville to Thirty-five Years.

EDWARDS GETS 27 YEARS.

Compromise In the Hillsville Tragedy Cases May Result In a New Trial For the Two Condemned Men.

Wytheville, Va.—Following the verdict of the jury in the second trial of Sidna Allen, of guilty of involuntary manslaughter for the death of William M. Foster, commonwealth's attorney of Carroll county, and fixing his punishment at five years in the state prison. Developments came fast, with the result that all of the cases against the defendants for shootnig up the Hillsville courthouse on March 14 last, and slaying the judiciary of Carroll county, were ended by compromise.

One other indictment against Sidna Allen for the murder of Sheriff Lewis Webb, and three indictments against Wesley Edwards, for being implicated in the courtroom tragedy, were compromised at 6 o'clock, when Sidna Allen pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and took 15 years in the penitentiary. This added to the 15 years' sentence in the first trial and five years of the verdict of today's trial, makes an aggregate of 35 years for Sidna Allen, while Wesley Edwards pleaded guilty to the indictments against him and drew an aggregate of 27 years in the state prison.

On the first poll of the jurors in the Sidna Allen case Wednesday afternoon they stood nine for acquittal and three for murder in the second degree. They asked that the several degrees of murder be read to them, which was done, and 20 minutes later they reported a verdict of involuntary manslaughter, with five years in the penitentiary. Several of the jurors, after their discharge, were emphatic in their statement that there was no evidence on the part of the commonwealth to prove conspiracy or intentionally aiding and abetting the person or persons who actually killed Foster, and no evidence was adduced to show that the defendant killed the commonwealth's attorney.

Thomas A. Williams, of Fairfax, said the jurors had all gone into the box with opinions against the defendant, but these had been changed by the evidence given.

The prisoner, his wife and brothers appeared pleased with the verdict, and were soon surrounded by friends, who extended congratulations.

The commonwealth immediately notified the court that it was ready to proceed with the third case against Allen, and the date of trial had been fixed for the fourth Monday in January, when the attorneys for the state and defense got together and received the compromise confessions of Sidna Allen and of Wesley Edwards, the latter's trial not having been set.

The compromise in these cases brings to an end the prosecution of the Allen clan, which about 11 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, March 14 last, swept down upon the little courthouse at Hillsville, in Carroll county, and killed the entire judiciary, with the exception of Clerk Dexter Goad, who was seriously wounded.

This ends so far as the courts are concerned a tragedy without a parallel and which stirred the country from one end to the other.

TO PAY SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

House Passes Bill To Restore Millions Taken After Civil War.

Washington.—More than $5,000,000 derived from sales of property taken from owners in the South after the Civil War would be repaid to the Southern claimants by the terms of a bill passed by the House Wednesday. The bill would amend the codification of laws relating to the judiciary so as to dispense with the allegation and proof of loyalty in those claims affecting only proceeds of property taken after the date mentioned. The bill has not yet passed the Senate.

KILLS HIS SWEETHEART.

Oregon Youth Lures Girl Into Depths Of Mine.

Palouse, Wash.—Luring his sweetheart, Miss Jennie Liner, 18 years old, into the depths of a mine near Harvard, Idaho, Jesse Dillman shot and killed her and fatally wounded himself. Men entered the mine to investigate the cause of the two shots they had heard, but Dillman opened fire on them and drove them out. Dillman crawled to the mouth of the tunnel and surrendered.

HEN SELLS FOR $800.

"Lady Show You" Captured Prize For Egg Laying Record.

Springfield, Mo.—Lady Show You, a hen that won the national egg-laying contest at the State Poultry Station, Mountain Grove, Mo., this year, was sold here for $800 by J. A. Bickerdite, of Millersville, Ill. The hen has a record of laying 281 full weight eggs this year. Lady Show You is a White Plymouth Rock.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy In Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Working on a planer, Joseph Brown was seriously injured at Tyrone.

Isaac Dreese, 66 years old, was run down and instantly killed by a shifting locomotive at Lewistown.

The Bethlehem branch of the State Tuberculosis Society is planning to institute an open-air school.

Superintendent Jones of the public schools of West Chester reports 782 boys and 805 girls enrolled.

York ministers are planning an association for improved charity methods.

W. U. Hensel has been elected president of Lancaster County Bar Association.

After being lost in a fog on the Susquehanna, York County rivermen from Turkey Hill finally reached shore exhausted.

Charles Faust, of Lewistown, has purchased the general store of the late Jacob Heisler at New Mahoning for $8,000.

State Veterinarian Marshall is working on the codification of the laws relating to the health and sanitation of live stock in this State.

The Packerton schools, Professor Elmer J. Brown, principal, are introducing manual labor training this winter.

The Bethlehem City Water Company has received a contract to supply the Rittersville Hospital with water.

E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, has been elected treasurer of the Scranton Union Lodge of Masons for the fiftieth consceutive time.

Miss Phoebe Dietz, of Lock Haven, is one of the two women deputy collectors of internal revenue in Pennsylvania.

A Northumberland County board of viewers decided that Coal township, with a population of 18,000, adjoining Shamokin, should not be divided.

The "votes for women" movement has received considerable impetus in Carlisle by the organization of a club for an active campaign.

For shooting a doe, Frank Houston, of Shawnee, and Luther Michaels, of Middle Smithfield township, paid $200 fines.

Hanging herself to the knob of a door with an apron string, Mrs. Caroline Jackson committed suicide in a fit of melancholy, at Kingston.

His team struck at Leola on the Downington Railroad, Elam Stoltzfus fell from the wagon and escaped with a few bruises, while his horse was dragged 135 feet and killed.

Because he warmed his hands at a bonfire at Lewiston, James McCoy, 10 years old, was knocked senseless by a brick thrown by William Harris, another lad, and seriously hurt.

Though summer hail badly riddled their crops, York County tobacco growers have not suffered a complete loss, since much of the damaged leaf has been sold for 3 cents a pound.

W. S. Simpson, who died at Pittston, had the distinction of having erected the first coal breaker ever built in Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys.

To facilitate the search for missing heirs of Rebeccah and Elizabeth Gross, legatees to a tract of land at Speeceville, permission of the Dauphin County Court has been obtained to have the Sheriff advertise. The proceeding was begun by Attorney C. C. Stroh, counsel for Jesse McCarty, Williamsport, the present owner of the land. McCarty is about to dispose of the tract of 96 acres to W. R. Blough, and the title is clear with the exception of $2,000 legacies directed in 1843 to be paid Rebeccah and Elizabeth Gross, under the will of Christian Gross, the first owner of the land.

The Juniata shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad are making a new record in the amount of work turned out. They are manufacturing eight engines a week. The highest record that was ever before attained in Altoona was six engines a week.

Pleading guilty to robbing a store at Yeagertown, Charles, alias "Red" Jones, who, after being long a fugitive, was captured, broke jail and returned of his own accord, was committed to the Reform School at Huntingdon.

THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

By VAUGHAN KESTER

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SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old worn-out southern plantation, known as the Barony. The place is to be sold, and its history and that of the owners, the Quintards, is the subject of discussion by Jonathan Crenshaw, a business man, a stranger known as Bladen, and Bob Yancy, a farmer, when Hannibal Wayne Hazard, a mysterious child of the old southern family, makes his appearance. Yancy tells how he adopted the boy. Nathaniel Ferris buys the Barony, but the Quintards deny any knowledge of the boy. Yancy to keep Hannibal. Captain Murrell, a friend of the Quintards, appears and asks questions about the Barony. Trouble at Scratch Hill, when Hannibal is kidnaped by Dave Blount, Captain Murrell's agent. Yancy overtakes Blount, gives him a thrashing and secures the boy. Yancy appears before Squire Balaam, and is discharged with costs for the plaintiff. Betty Malroy, a friend of the Ferrises, has an encounter with Captain Murrell, who forces his attentions on her, and is rescued by Bruce Carrington. Betty sets out for her Tennessee home. Carrington takes the same stage. Yancy and Hannibal disappear, with Murrell on their trail. Hannibal arrives at the home of Judge Slocum Price. The Judge recognizes in the boy, the grandson of an old time friend. Murrell arrives at Judge's home. Cavendish family on raft rescue Yancy, who is apparently dead. Price breaks jail. Betty and Carrington arrive at Belle Plain. Hannibal's rifle discloses some startling things to the judge. Hannibal and Betty meet again. Murrell arrives in Belle Plain. Is playing for big stakes. Yancy awakes from long dreamless sleep on board the raft. Judge Price makes startling discoveries in looking up land titles. Charles Norton, a young planter, who assists the judge, is mysteriously assaulted. Norton informs Carrington that Betty has promised to marry him. Norton is mysteriously shot. More light on Murrell's plot. He plans uprising of negroes. Judge Price, with Hannibal, visits Betty, and she keeps the boy as a companion. In a stroll Betty takes with Hannibal they meet Bess Hicks, daughter of the overseer, who warns Betty of danger and counsels her to leave Belle Plain at once. Betty, terriway their carriage it stopped by Slosson, fied, acts on Bess' advice, and on their the tavern keeper, and a confederate, and Betty and Hannibal are made prisoners. The pair are taken to Hicks' cabin, in an almost inaccessible spot, and there Murrell visits Betty and reveals his part in the plot and his object. Betty spurns his proffered love and the interview is ended by the arrival of Ware, terrified at possible outcome of the crime. Judge Price, hearing of the abduction, plans action. The Judge takes charge of the situation, and search for the missing ones is instituted. Carrington visits the judge and allies are discovered. Judge Price visits Colonel Fentress, where he meets Yancy and Cavendish. Becoming enraged, Price dashes a glass of whisky into the colonel's face and a duel is arranged. Murrell is arrested for negro stealing and his bubble bursts. The Judge and Mahaffy discuss the coming duel. Carrington makes frantic search for Betty and the boy. Carrington finds Betty and Hannibal, and a fierce gun fight follows. Yancy appears and assists in the rescue. Bruce Carrington and Betty come to an understanding.

CHAPTER XXX.—(Continued.)

An hour later Pegloe's black boy presented himself to the judge. He came bearing a gift, and the gift appropriately enough was a square case bottle of respectable size. The judge was greatly touched by this attention, but he began by making a most temperate use of the tavern-keeper's offering; then as the formidable document he was preparing took shape under his hand he more and more lost that feeling of Spartan fortitude which had at first sustained him in the presence of temptation. He wrote and sipped in complete and quiet luxury, and when at last he had exhausted the contents of the bottle it occurred to him that it would be only proper personally to convey his thanks to Pegloe. Perhaps he was not uninspired in this by ulterior hopes; if so, they were richly rewarded. The resources of the City Tavern were suddenly placed at his disposal. He attributed this to a variety of causes all good and sufficient, but the real reason never suggested itself; indeed it was of such a perfidious nature that the judge, open and generous-minded, could not have grasped it.

By six o'clock he was undeniably drunk; at eight he was sounding still deeper depths of inebriety, with only the most confused memory of impending events; at ten he collapsed and was borne upstairs by Pegloe and his black boy to a remote chamber in the kitchen wing. Here he was undressed and put to bed, and the tavern-keeper, making a bundle of his clothes, retired from the room, locking the door after him, and the judge was doubly a prisoner.

Rousing at last from a heavy, dreamless sleep the judge was aware of a faint impalpable light in his room, the ashen light of a dull October dawn. He was aware, too, of a feeling of profound depression. He knew this was the aftermath of indulgence and that he might look forward to forty-eight hours of utter misery of soul, and, groaning aloud, he closed his eyes. Sleep was the thing if he could compass it. Instead, his memory quickened. Something was to happen at sun-up—he could not recall what it was to be, though he distinctly remembered that Mahaffy had spoken of this very matter—Mahaffy, the austere and implacable, the disembodied conscience whose fealty to duty had somehow survived his own spiritual ruin, so that he had become a sort of moral sign-post, ever pointing the way yet never going it himself.

The judge lay still and thought deeply as the light intensified itself. What was it that Mahaffy had said he was to do at sun-up? The very hour accented his suspicions. Probably it was no more than some cheerless obligation to be met, or Mahaffy would not have been so concerned about it. Eventually he decided to refer everything to Mahaffy. He spoke his friend's name weakly and in a shaking voice, but received no answer.

"Solomon!" he repeated, and shifting his position, looked in what should have been the direction of the shakedown bed his friend occupied. Neither the bed nor Mahaffy were there. The judge gasped—he wondered if this were not a premonition of certain hallucinations to which he was not a stranger. Then all in a flash he remembered Fentress and the meeting at Boggs', something of how the evening had been spent, and a spasm of regret shook him.

"I had other things to think of. This must never happen again!" he told himself remorsefully.

He was wide-awake now. Doubtless Pegloe had put him to bed. Well, that had been thoughtful of Pegloe—he would not forget him—the City Tavern should continue to enjoy his patronage. It would be something for Pegloe to boast of that Judge Slocum Price Turberville always made his place headquarters when in Raleigh. Feeling that he had already conferred wealth and distinction on the fortunate Pegloe the judge thrust his fat legs over the side of his bed and stood erect. Stooping he reached for his clothes. He confidently expected to find them on the floor, but his hand merely swept an uncarpeted waste. The judge was profoundly astonished.

"Maybe I've got 'em on. I don't recall taking them off!" he thought hopefully. He moved uncertainly in the direction of the window, where the light showed him his own bare extremities. He reverted to his original idea that his clothes were scattered about the floor.

He was beginning to experience a great sense of haste; it was two miles to Boggs' and Fentress would be there at sun-up. Finally he abandoned his

Pegloe's Black Boy Came Bearing a Gift.

quest of the missing garments and turned to the door. To say that he was amazed when he found it locked would have most inadequately described his emotions. Breathing deep, he fell back a step or two, and then with all the vigor he could muster launched himself at the door. But it resisted him.

"It's bolted on the other side!" he muttered, the full measure of Pegloe's perfidy revealing itself to his mind. He was aghast. It was a plot to discredit him. Pegloe's hospitality had been inspired by his enemy, for Pegloe was Fentress' tenant.

Again he attacked the door; he believed it might be possible to force it from its hinges, but Pegloe had done his work too well for that, and at last, spent and breathless, the judge dropped down on the edge of his bed to consider the situation. He was without clothes and he was a prisoner, yet his mind rose splendidly to meet the difficulties that beset him. His greatest activities were reserved for what appeared to be only a season of despair. He armed himself with a three-legged stool he had found and turned once more to the door, but the stout planks stood firm under his blows.

"Unless I get out of here in time I'm a ruined man!" thought the judge. "After this Fentress will refuse to meet me!"

The window next engaged his attention. That, too, Pegloe had taken the precaution to fasten, but a single savage blow of the stool shattered glass and sash and left an empty space that framed the dawn's red glow. The judge looked out and shook his head dubiously. It was twelve feet or more to the ground, a risky drop for a gentleman of his years and build. The judge considered making a rope of his bedding and lowering himself to the ground by means of it; he remembered to have read of captives in that interesting French prison, the Bastille, who did this. However, an equally ingenious but much more simple use for his bedding occurred to him; it would form a soft and yielding substance on which to alight. He gathered it up into his arms, feather-tick and all, and pushed it through the window, then he wriggled out across the ledge, feet first, and lowering himself to the full length of his arms, dropped.

He landed squarely on the rolled-up bed with a jar that shook him to his center. Almost gaily he snatched up a quilt, draping it about him after the manner of a Roman toga, and thus lightly habited, started across Mr. Pegloe's truck-patch, his one thought Boggs' and the sun. It would have served no purpose to have gone home, since his entire wardrobe, except for the shirt on his back, was in the tavern-keeper's possession, besides he had not a moment to lose, for the sun was peeping at him over the horizon.

Unobserved he gained the edge of the town and the highroad that led past Boggs' and stole a fearful glance over his shoulder. The sun was clear of the treetops, he could even feel the lifeless dust grow warm beneath his feet; and wrapping the quilt closer about him he broke into a labored run.

Some twenty minutes later Boggs' came in sight. He experienced a moment of doubt—doubtless Fentress had been there and gone! It was a hideous thought and the judge groaned. Then at the other end of the meadow near the woods he distinguished several men, Fentress and his friends beyond question. The judge laughed aloud. In spite of everything he was keeping his engagement, he was plucking his triumph out of the very dregs of failure. The judge threw himself over the fence, a corner of the quilt caught on one of the rails; he turned to release it, and in that instant two pistol shots rang out sharply in the morning air.

CHAPTER XXXI.

Solomon's Last Night.

It had been with no little reluctance that Solomon Mahaffy accompanied Yancy and Cavendish to Belle Plain; he would have preferred to remain in Raleigh in attendance upon Judge Price. Intimately acquainted with the judge's mental processes, he could follow all the devious workings of that magnificent mind; he could fathom the simply hellish ingenuity he was capable of putting forth to accomplish temporary benefits. Permitting his thoughts to dwell upon the mingled strength and weakness which was so curiously blended in Slocum Price's character, he had horrid visions of that great soul, freed from the trammels of restraint, confiding his melancholy history to Mr. Pegloe in the hope of bolstering his fallen credit at the City Tavern.

Always where the judge was concerned he fluctuated between extremes of doubt and confidence. He felt that under the urgent spur of occasion his friend could rise to any emergency, while a sustained activity made demands which he could not satisfy; then his efforts were discounted by his insane desire to realize at once on his opportunities; in his haste he was for ever plucking unripe fruit; and though he might keep one eye on the main chance the other was fixed just as resolutely on the nearest tavern.

With the great stake which fate had suddenly introduced into their losing game, he wished earnestly to believe that the judge would stay quietly in his office and complete the task he had set himself; that with this off his hands the promise of excitement at Belle Plain would compel his presence there, when he would pass somewhat under the restraining influence which he was determined to exert; in short, to Solomon, life embraced just the one vital consideration, which was to maintain the judge in a state of sobriety until after his meeting with Fentress.

The purple of twilight was stealing over the land when he and his two companions reached Belle Plain. They learned that Tom Ware had returned from Memphis, that the bayou had been dragged but without results, and that as yet nothing had been heard from Carrington or the dogs he had gone for.

Presently Cavendish and Yancy set off across the fields. They were going on to the raft, to Polly and the six little Cavendishes, whom they had not seen since early morning; but they promised to be back at Belle Plain within an hour.

By very nature an alien, Mahaffy sought out a dark corner on the wide porch that overlooked the river to await their return. The house had been thrown open, and supper was being served to whoever cared to stay and partake of it. The murmur of idle purposeless talk drifted out to him; he was irritated and offended by it. There was something garish in this indiscriminate hospitality in the very home of tragedy. As the moments slipped by his sense of displeasure increased, with mankind in general, with himself, and with the judge—principally with the judge—who was to make a foolish target of himself in the morning. He was going to give the man who had wrecked his life a chance to take it as well. Mahaffy's cold logic dealt cynically with the preposterous situation his friend had created.

In the midst of his angry meditations he heard a clock strike in the hall and counted the strokes. It was nine o'clock. Surely Yancy and Cavendish had been gone their hour! He quitted his seat and strolled restlessly about the house. He felt deeply indignant with everybody and everything. Human intelligence seemed but a pitiable advance on brute instinct. A whole day had passed and what had been accomplished? Carrington, the judge, Yancy, Cavendish—the four men who might have worked together to some purpose—had widely separated themselves; and here was the duel, the very climax of absurdity. He resumed his dark corner and waited another hour. Still no Carrington, and Yancy and Cavendish had not come up from the raft.

"Fools!" thought Mahaffy bitterly. "All of them fools!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Haste to Reimburse.

While carrying a ladder through the crowded streets of Philadelphia the other day a big Irishman was so unfortunate as to break a plate glass window in a shop. Immediately dropping his ladder, the Celt broke into a run. But he had been seen by the shopkeeper, who dashed after him and caught him by the collar.

"See here!" angrily exclaimed the shopkeeper when he had regained his breath, "you have brokn my window!"

"Sure I have," assented the Celt, "and didn't you see me running home to get the money to pay for it?"

Promises.

A man usually wants the preacher to furnish proof that what he promises is going to come true, but he is willing to take the glib promoter's word for it.

WOULD REVISE STATE GAME LAW

Annual Report of the Commission Sent to Gov. Tener

ASK PROTECTION FOR ELK

Forbids Sale of Wild Game Whether Killed Within or Outside State—Bear, Rabbits, 'Coons and Squirrels Are Exempted.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—The State Game Commission in its annual report, submitted to the Governor, recommends the revision of the game laws in the following particulars: Giving absolute protection to elk. Placing turtle doves on the protected list. Forbidding the sale of all game of a kind found in a wild state in the United States, killed either within or outside the State, excepting bear, rabbits, raccoons and squirrels; game imported from foreign countries and game raised strictly in captivity within the State under the protection of existing laws. Providing for an appropriation for the commission to maintain the game preserves now created and to create additional preserves. Providing for an appropriation to employ a force of officers to enforce the game laws. The commissioners also recommend that no law be passed that will permit the killing of game or wild birds now protected. The report continues: "We feel satisfied that song and insectiverous birds of all kinds, classed as will birds, other than game birds, are increasing in this State, and the benefit to the Commonewalth from this increase, from an economic point of view, is most marked. The increase of game birds, beyond that of last year, is evident in many sections of the Commonwealth, quail being more plentiful in Pennsylvania than for many years, this increase of quail being in evidence in most of the counties of the Commonwealth, excepting a limited number of counties in the southeastern part of the State, where, because of close cultivation, it is impossible for these birds to exist at all." Ruffed grouse were more plentiful than for five years, and wild turkeys have been plentiful during the year. Deer and bear are increasing in the State, the deer being more numerous than they have been for twenty-five years. Two new game preserves have been created, one in Perry and another in Westmoreland County. They have been stocked with deer obtained in Michigan.

To Remedy Stream Polution.

The reported killing of thousands of fish in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, between Lock Haven and Williamsport, will cease, the Department of Fisheries believes, because of the elimination of acids and other waste matter. After investigations during several weeks by Fish Commissioner Buller and his wardens arrangements have been made to remedy the pollution traced to Bald Eagle Creek. The proprietors of the New York and Pennsylvania Company's paper mill at Lock Haven have agreed to co-operate with the Fisheries Department, and the company has purchased ground for the purpose of constructing a sedimentation plant, which will be in operation by the first of the year. The State Department of Health has also taken up the matter of the sewage pollution of the stream with Lock Haven city officials, and the city has been ordered to dispose of its sewage in some other way.

Heinz Sees Prosperity.

"Business conditions were never more separated from politics and Wall Street in the history of the country than at present," said H. J. Heinz, the Pittsburgh pickle manufacturer, who was here attending a meeting of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission. "It was a foregone conclusion six months in advance of the election just how the country would go, and the people had really adjusted themselves to conditions by the time the results of the election were announced. The change in the administration, I believe, will have no appreciable effect upon the business conditions of the country. Good crops next year would offset any effect that those men who hold back might have on business."

Big Electric Merger.

Papers were filed here covering the merger of thirteen recently incorporated electric companies of Lancaster County into the Edison Electric Company of Lancaster, of which Congressman W. W. Griest is president. The companies are the Elizabethtown, Marietta, Martic, Conoy, Eden, Conestoga, Providence, Ephrata, Earl, West Earl, Upper Leacock, Strasburg and Pequa.

Complains Against Railway.

The Rev. J. Edwin Jones, of the Elmwood Methodist Episcopal Church, advises the State Railroad Commission that some of the cars of the Philadelphia Railway Company, operating from Third and Jackson streets to Bow Creek, do not have enclosed platforms for the protection of the motormen. He also adds that six cars are now performing the service that seven were required to do, maintaining the same schedule. The extra speed in the winter, he thinks, on such a road may become hazardous.

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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon.

United Evangelical—Lemont, morning; Linden Hall, afternoon; Egg Hill, evening. Services each evening during the week at Egg Hill.

Lutheran—Tusseyville, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening, Christmas service; Georges Valley, December 24th, evening, Christmas service; Tusseyville, Christmas night, Christmas service.

Harris Township.

George D. Fortney attended court last week as a juror.

Mrs. Jessie Gilmen, of near Millheim, is visiting in this place this week.

James Irwin, of Pleasant Gap, made a business trip to Boalsburg on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel, D. D. P., and sister, Mrs. Smith, of Bellefonte, were present at the installation.

Miss Lizzie Bloom attended the funeral of her uncle, Joseph Carter, at Green Brier last Thursday.

Boalsburg merchants and grocers have their store rooms beautifully decorated with Christmas gifts.

George C. Hosterman visited his brother John Hosterman at Millheim from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. Hunter Stairs, of Youngwood, spent a few days with relatives at Boalsburg, her former home.

A Christmas service will be rendered by the Reformed Sunday school on Christmas eve, at 7:30 o'clock.

A. W. Dale attended a meeting of the State Grange held at Clearfield last week as a delegate from Victor Grange.

Mrs. G. H. Widder, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Mervin Arney, of Centre Hall, were the guests of Mrs. Homer Barr on Friday.

The entertainment in the Boal hall on Saturday evening was one of the most pleasing events of the season. $32 were realized.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stover and son, Eugene, attended the funeral of Mrs. Stover's mother, Mrs. John Stover, at Shiloh, on Tuesday forenoon.

The members of the Lutheran Sunday school will have their Christmas treat and exercises by the children in their Sunday school room on Sunday morning.

Charles Stamm with his daughter Mrs. Edna Gramley and her little boys were visitors from Altoona at the home of John W. Stamm, from Saturday until Tuesday.

William Myers, Oscar and Ralph Rishel, Mr. and Mrs. John Stamm and daughter Caroline, attended the play, The New Minister, at Pine Grove Mills on Friday evening.

Dr. L. E. Kidder with his wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wieland attended a Christmas service held in the Methodist Church at State College on Sunday evening.

The members of the Theodore Davis Boal Band are hereby notified that hereafter they will meet for practice in the room on the first floor of the Malta Temple, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week.

The following officers were installed by the Tussey Rebekahs on Wednesday evening, December 11: N. G., Miss Nora Miller; R. S. to N. G., Homer Barr; L. S. to N. G., Mrs. Margaret Kuhn; V. G., Mrs. Maude Williams; R. S. to V. G., Miss Beulah Fortney; L. S. to V. G., Miss Verna Snyder; Chaplain, Mrs. Clara Rupp; Conductor, Miss Mary Reish; Secretary, Mrs. Ella Rothrock; Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Barr; Pianist, Miss Della Ishler; Guardian, D. E. Snyder.

Potters Mills

John Selzer, of Coburn, spent several days here last week at the F. A. Carson home.

James Hanna, of Wellstanney, is visiting his children at the home of William Blauser.

Alexander McCoy shipped a load of fine cows to the eastern market Thursday.

Miss Caroline McClaskey is spending a few days in Bellefonte with her friend Miss Hutchinson.

The meeting at Sprucetown has been postponed on account of Rev. Lantz not being in his usual good health.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Beethoven and "Adelaide."

Beethoven in his maturity would have been glad if he could have destroyed some of his early works, among them the septet and the song "Adelaide," the great popularity of both of which annoyed him because he had written so much better things for which he would have preferred that popularity. It now seems that he was not pleased with "Adelaide" at the time when he composed it. Richard Batka has found an anecdote indicating that this was the case in the memoris of Beethoven's friend Pixis, who died in 1874. A man named Barth, who had a beautiful tenor voice, one morning called on Beethoven. He found him in a bad humor, on the point the moment the visitor entered of tearing up a manuscript. Barth asked him what was the matter, and Beethoven answered, "Oh, I wanted to write a song, and I succeeded in finishing it, but now I don't like it and want to destroy it." "Let me look at it," exclaimed the tenor. He sat down at the piano and sang it at sight so effectively that the composer's face beamed with joy. A fortnight later this song—it was "Adelaide"—was being sung all over Vienna.

Banting on Banting.

William Banting, who has given his name to a verb, held that fat people who want to grow thin should eat five meals a day. In his "Letter on Corpulence," which ran into ten editions and was translated into French and German, Banting states that "low living brings the system into an impoverished state without decreasing corpulence. I have discovered that quality in food is the chief desideratum and that the question of quantity is mere moonshine. I take the most agreeable and savory viands, meat and game pies that my cook can concoct, with the best possible gravies, jellies, etc., and drink sherry, claret, brandy, gin and whisky. I endeavor, however, to abstain as much as possible from bread, butter, milk, sugar, beer and potatoes." On this regime Banting brought down his weight forty-six pounds in twelve months.—London Chronicle.

No Gentlemen Crooks.

Dr. Bertillon, the French expert on criminal mensuration, has discredited one of the pet ideas of the novelists and playwrights. The gentleman criminal, he says, does not exist in real life; Arsene Lupin and Raffles are inventions and nothing more. No matter how expensively they may dress or live there is always something which betrays the professional crooks to the trained observer. Crooks, he says, are mostly specialists. And not only do they find it impossible to pass as gentlemen, but gentlemen for the most part would find it exceedingly difficult to make a living as crooks. So it seems that even if a gentleman has all the will in the world to be a crook, or a crook to be a gentleman, early training will prove stronger than desire and the two things cannot be made to mix.—New York Sun.

Where He Drew the Line.

The Duc de Raguse once explained to the Countess de Boigne the nature of his connection with the emperor in a phrase which is more or less applicable to whole nations. He said: "When the emperor said, 'All for France,' I served with enthusiasm; when he said, 'France and I,' I served with zeal; when he said, 'I and France,' I served with obedience; but when he said, 'I,' without France, I felt the necessity of separating from him."—Argonaut.

Squelched.

He was trying to make an impression on a pretty nursemaid who had a little boy out in the park.

"I wish you were my governess," he simpered.

"So do I," said the girl.

"What would you do?"

"I'd take those cigarettes away from you and get your hair cut."

Then he passed on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cheering Her Up.

Molly—I was so put out and cross at the party last night! Kate Green had on a dress exactly like mine. Polly—Yes, but how it must have disgusted her to see you with a dress like hers! That ought to make you happy, I should think.

Rapt In His Art.

Musician—I tell you, ladies, we artists cannot succeed unless we give up our very souls to our art. Why, last week I was so rapt in a composition which I was playing that a thief stole the violin from under my chin and I never noticed it.

Where Divorce Was Futile.

"In ancient Greece when a man was divorced the law provided that he must not marry a woman who was younger than his first wife."

"Did they ever have a divorce case in ancient Greece?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Old Fashioned.

"How old fashioned they are!"

"So?"

"Yes; they still keep their fathers' and mothers' pictures hanging in the living room."—Detroit Free Press.

Too Big a Meal.

Tramp—Madam, could you spare a poor man something to eat? Mrs. Stingy—I will call my husband. Tramp—No, thanks, madam, I am no cannibal.

Patience is the support of weakness; impatience is the ruin of strength.—Colton.

Laundry goes out next Wednesday

Etiquette on British Warships.

Etiquette plays an important part on a modern battleship, and the British navy enforces many little forms and customs.

In the wardroom, where the officers and midshipmen dine, the commander does not sit at the head of the table. That place is reserved for the president of the mess. The commander invariably sits at his right hand, while the former changes every month.

Evening dress is a steadfast rule, so much so that the man who has to take a watch after dinner and who has no time to change sits at a table by himself. The toast of "The King" in the navy is drunk sitting. Tradition has it that a certain king once proposed a toast and, jumping up, hit his head against a beam above. Orders were given, the story goes, that all toasts were in future to be drunk sitting.

The "middy" on a warship is just like a fag at a public school, with the officers as his prefects or monitors. Midshipmen have to make themselves generally useful to the latter.—London Answers.

Burning Cold.

One who has been reared in either the temperate or tropic zones and who is unacquainted with the mysteries of the chemical laboratory can hardly imagine a degree of cold that would reduce the temperature of any known substance to that point where, if the hand were brought in contact with it, the result would be the same as if he had received a burn. But that such things are possible are well known to chemists and other experimenters. One noted experimenter with liquid air gases, which require wonderful degrees of cold for their success, says that a heat burn is a luxury when compared with burns he has received from cold substances. A drop of liquid gas on his hand made a bluish blister, which changed into an ulcer which did not heal for six months, while a heat burn five times as large healed in twelve days.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Tenor and His Beard.

Mario, the famous tenor, was excessively proud of his fine beard. One day in Russia, where he had become the favorite of the court, the Emperor Nicholas ordered him to sing in an opera dealing with an episode in the eighteenth century and necessitating a clean shaven face. Mario refused to obey. The emperor became angry. It was in vain that the empress tried her arts of persuasion. Mario was inflexible.

"I am ready," he said, "to give my life for your majesty, but not my beard—never!"

Nicholas would not stand any crossing of his will.

"Sing or go!" he said.

Without more ado Mario threw up all his engagements, packed his trunks and went.

Buttons and Women's Clothes.

"Why does a woman button her garments on the left side?" The question is discussed in the London Tailor and Cutter by several correspondents, one of whom advances this theory: "For ladies to have the buttonholes in the right side of their garments has its origin in the times when it was necessary for a lady when going out at night to have a gentleman escort, who supported her upon his left arm, leaving his right or sword arm at liberty. Thus the lady's left hand would be free to fasten or unfasten her cloak at her own pleasure and without inconvenience."

Charles V. Liked Mechanics.

Charles V. of Spain, like Louis XVI. of France, was particularly fond of timepieces and had a decided taste for mechanics. When in Germany he invented a carriage for his own accommodation, and after his abdication he would amuse himself in making little puppets—soldiers performing their exercise, girls dancing with their tambourines and little wooden birds that would fly in and out of the window.

Sam Houston's Retort.

General Sam Houston was a master of stump speaking and bitter invective. Once while addressing a large audience he was interrupted and asked what he thought of a certain politician. Without hesitation he replied, "He has every characteristic of a dog except fidelity."

Advantages of Kilts.

The London Tailor and Cutter observes with its usual keen insight into human nature: "No one has yet suggested the utility of kilts. They never bag at the knees, nor do they ever require patching at that part, and their hygienic properties are proverbial."

Fixing the Value.

Jones—So the price of that "old master" is $5,000. It doesn't look to be worth $10. Art Dealer—Yes, but remember it was painted in 1249. Just think what $10 at compound interest would amount to for that length of time!—Exchange.

Helping the Cause.

She—I am almost baked. I have been shut up in a close, stuffy room for two hours. He—What was the occasion of that? She—A meeting of our Fresh Air society.—Lippincott's Magazine.

A Catty Retort.

"My husband considered a very long time before he proposed to me. He was very careful."

"Ah, it's always those careful people who get taken in."

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Strictly Local Happenings

The National Stockman and Farmer, Pittsburg, is putting out a very fine 1913 calendar, called the "Mother and Baby." The price is ten cents by mail.

In Grange Arcadia, on Friday night, Dr. William S. Miller, a representative of the state department of health, will give a free illustrated lecture on tuberculosis.

John Snavely, the Spring Mills dairyman, and ice cream manufacturer, recently added to his head of cows several animals purchased in the vicinity of Pine Grove Mills.

Dr. Guy Carlton Lee gave his audience a splendid lecture. His thoughts were elevating and inspiring. Dr. Lee is classed with the best lecturers that have appeared here under the management of the local lecture course committee.

Former Commissioner George L. Goodhart was one of the order who attended the Pennsylvania State Grange not mentioned in last week's issue. Mr. Goodhart has been chaplain of the Centre County Pomona Grange for a number of years, and is also identified with the fire insurance companies operated by that order, and is now its treasure.

Daniel Harter, of Sterling, Ohio, is in the east and for several days was at the home of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Murray in Centre Hall, and of course, visited his other brother and sisters in the valley, Mr. Harter is a civil war veteran, and was thrice wounded. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and has voted that ticket for twenty years. He believes in the cause and practices it.

The Farmers Institute, at Pennsylvania State College, should be attended by many more farmers this year than heretofore. Agriculturalists of prominence from all parts of the state come in great numbers, and many of them from the most distant sections stay throughout the entire week. If the farmers from a distance can afford to pay car fare and give a week to studying their own business, the farmers next door to the institution certainly ought to be able to attend a few sessions of the institution. Once you come under the instruction of the class of lecturers you will find there you will be loathe to leave as long as the sessions last.

Yes, tell us the happenings of the day.

Dr. J. V. Foster was taken seriously ill on Saturday evening, but by Monday was out of bed and able to do office work.

The house and lot owned by the late Samuel Wiser, of Millheim, was sold for $575 to S. Ward Gramley, of the Millheim Banking Company.

John C. Hosterman, editor of the Millheim Journal, mention of whose illness was made in last week's issue of this paper, has improved to such an extent that he was out for a pleasure ride on Sunday.

Farmer R. D. Musser, of near Spring Mills, was a caller at this office last week, and informs the reporter that he has another bunch of young cattle to sell, which will be described in an advertisement later on.

The latest to resign his post at Pennsylvania State College is Prof. Hurbert E. Van Norman, head of the Dairy Department. He will go to California's institution, at Los Angles, where Prof. C. F. Shaw and one or two others have enlisted.

From the White and Wyckoff manufacturing company, Holyoke, Massachusetts, for ten cents you can get one of the handsomest calendars that reached this office. The type are large, and all holidays and notable days in the year are indicated.

The Jury wheel was refilled last week, the work having been done by Jury Commissioners Adam Hazel, of Axe Mann, and John Decker, of Potters Mills, and former Sheriff A. Miles Walker as clerk. The names put into the wheel will be drawn during the coming year, and then the wheel will be filled again.

Prof. Thomas A. Ilgen was taken to the Danville asylum the latter part of last week. He is suffering from a general breaking down of the nervous system. Prof. Ilgen for two years was principal of the Centre Hall high school, taking up the work after graduating from Princeton, while here he did good work, and his pupils will testify to this. It is hoped by his friends that he will soon recover his full mental faculties. Mr. Ilgen was married, and is the father of two exceptionally bright and handsome children.

Looking for Factory Site.

The latter part of last week, Messrs. D. T. Albright and R. C. Sechler, of Mifflinburg, were in Centre Hall, looking up a site for a shirt factory. Mr. Sechler has a small factory in operation in Mifflinburg, but wishes to branch out on a larger scale, and would like quarters to accommodate about thirty persons—women and girls.

The parties called on D. A. Boozer, who owns the building in which the Reporter office is located, and asked him to give a figure at which he would be willing to make a long lease. The room as it now is, forty feet in length, is too small, but twenty or thirty feet are to be added if other conditions locally can be met.

D. J. Meyer was interviewed as to the availability of the foundry building. This structure could be remodeled and made to serve the purpose, and Mr. Meyer was asked to name the rental wanted if such improvements were made.

From the short conversation had with these gentlemen the Reporter was impressed that they meant business, the only question is that of obtaining sufficient operators once the plant is installed. There is a possibility that a canvass of the town and surrounding county will be made to ascertain how many helpers could be secured, and if sufficient encouragement is given the factory will be located here.

If an insufficient number of helpers for a shirt factory exists, it does not say that a sufficient number could not be secured once the factory was started. Centre Hall could accommodate a half larger population without the addition of a single house, although there is not a vacant house in town. Many of the helpers in a factory such as is proposed could be drawn from the country and nearby towns, and these, as a rule, would come here as boarders, and in that way Centre Hall could accommodate an army. Bring on the factory.

Mr. Albright is the well known implement manufacturer in Mifflinburg, and builds the famous Albright cultivators. Mr. Scehler is Mr. Albright's son-in-law. It is the latter who is prospecting for a factory site

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PENNSYLVANIA SOILS.

Government Experts Declare Centre County Soil Deficient in Lime and Organic Matter.

The report of the reconnoissance soil survey of south central Pennsylvania, recently made by the bureau of soils, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State College, has been issued by the secretary of agriculture. The area surveyed includes Clearfield, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Blair, Centre, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry, Mifflin, Juniata, Union and Snyder counties, and comprises 10,908 square miles.

The report contains seventy-seven printed pages treating every phase of the agricultural side of the counties, such as drainage, transportation, climate and soils.

Valuable suggestions for the improvement of the various soils of the county are made and a map showing in detail the location of everything of consequence in the area relating to agriculture and the eighteen different types of soils mapped during the survey, is annexed. The report says, in part:

"The soils vary greatly in fertility, those of the Hagerstown and Berks series being the most productive All are subject to severe erosion and nearly all are deficient in organic matter and lime. Several are well adapted to the production of fruit of various kinds. When well handled most of the soils will give good results with general farm crops. Dairying can be made very profitable in some sections Stock-raising is the most profitable industry in the more remote sections, while gardening and trucking could be carried on profitably near the larger cities. There is ample room for improvement in all lines of farm work, tillage, fertilization and management."

Farmers' Week.

The seventh annual Farmers' Week, at Pennsylvania State College, begins the day after Christmas and closes Thursday noon, January 2nd. There are fifty-three speakers on the list who will speak on one hundred and fifty farm topics. Every farmer in Centre county should attend this institution; it is absolutely free.

The Odd Fellows Lodge in Millheim will give a banquet to its members and their families on Friday evening after Christmas. The supper will be served in the Odd Fellows hall, and turkey will be on the menu card.

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Centre Hall, Pa.

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THE MAN WHO WRECKED IT.

T. R. Wrecked the G. O. P. in June of 1908 by Forcing Taft's Nomination.

Mr. Roosevelt, who has genius for being wrong, was again quite in error at Chicago a few days ago when he ascribed the wreck of the Republican party to the men who "in the Republican Convention of June last by deliberate political theft wrenched the control of the party from the people, made it the party of reaction and gave it into the absolute control of the bosses."

The Republican party was not wrecked in June, 1912. It was wrecked in June, 1908. Theodore Roosevelt is the man who wrecked it.

The Republicans in 1908 did not want to nominate Mr. Taft for President, but Mr. Roosevelt, by the power of the Federal machine, forced the nomination. Had the National Convention been left to itself it would have named Gov. Hughes or somebody like him; the country would have had a Republican President instead of a Proxy President, and the Republican party would still be united, under progressive leadership.

What took place at Chicago in June, 1912, was the logical consequence of what took place at Chicago in June, 1908 The party has been wrecked by Mr. Roosevelt's policy of personal government, and he is still urging the country to adopt the same kind of government that smashed the Republican party.

Free Lecture on Tuberculosis.

Dr. William S. Miller, of the state board of health, will give a free illustrated lecture on tuberculosis in Grange Arcadia, Friday evening, 20th inst. This lecture should be attended by every one who can possibly do so. Nothing should be guarded with better care than one's health. How to avoid the ravishes of tubercular germs is a question that can be taught to a large extent, if we are willing to observe the simple rules of health laid down by such men as Dr. Miller. By all means attend the lecture on Friday night.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of $150 00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers. adv.

The gunning season for all small game closed Saturday. Bears may be legally hunted until January 1st.

How Humming Birds Bathe.

Not being acquainted with the bathing habits of humming birds, I put out an abalone shell as the most artistic bathing dish for her, but never to my knowledge did she pay the least attention to it. One morning in the midst of a shower, however, she crouched down on the wet blade of a dogwod leaf and with head outstretched and rapidly fluttering wings spattered the raindrops in every direction. She went from leaf to leaf until she had succeded in getting her feathers very wet; then she perched on a twig, shook off the drops and carefully preened her feathers. It is not improbable that in the absence of rain humming birds use the dewdrops in early morning. In closer captivity this bird bathed in a gladiolus blossom. Hereafter a pitcher plant is to be used. A humming bird which was accustomed to drinking sweetened water from a spoon one day found water in the spoon instead of sweets, whereupon she at once alighted on the edge and took a bath.—Katherine E. Dolbear in Atlantic Monthly.

Claude Duval.

This gallant robber of men's purses and ladies' hearts was of French extraction. Duval became so rich with his ill gotten gains that he was enabled to retire from the profession and return to France. But a quiet life, free from the excitement of his old career, did not agree with his adventurous spirit. He returned again to England and resumed his avocation. At length he was captured at the Hole in the Wall, in Chandos street. While in prison awaiting his doom many ladies of position visited him and endeavored to obtain his release, but justice was inexorable, and he was hanged at Tyburn in January, 1670. His epitaph in St. Paul's church, Covent Garden, speaks of him as "Old Tyburn's glory, England's illustrious thief," and tells us:

Here lies Duval. Reader, if male thou art,
Look to thy purse; if female, to thy heart.
Much havoc has he made of both.

—St. James' Gazette.

Still Lively.

Uncle Erastus had an affection for his old wife which neither time nor the wear and tear of her disposition had destroyed. He seemed to glory in what other people called "Aunt M'lindy Jane's cantankerousness.

"How's M'lindy Jane getting on, Rastus?" one of his neighbors asked, after hearing lively sounds from the Johnsons' dwelling up the lane.

"I's been feared dis winter's rheumatiz would carry her off," said Uncle Erastus, "but she suah is improvin' dis last warm spell o' weather.

"Dis mawnin' she stood up, restin' herself on one crutch, an' made passes at my laigs wid de udder crutch, an' she done make out to hit me mo'n once! I's feelin' right encouraged!"—Youth's Companion.

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the wide variety you can only know by seeing.
Each gift appropriately boxed for Christmas.

New Neckwear
Wide variety of colorings, 25c to $2

Gloves
Unlined and lined, in mochas, buckskins, real cape and kid. Fleeced and fur lined. 50c to $4

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Winter quality, fine feel and luster. 50c up to $2

Handkerchiefs
Plain and initial, silk and linen.

Bath Robes
in soft, comfortable wool or towling. $4 to $10

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All wool, in roll collars and plain coat styles. $1.50 to $8

Pure Silk Stockings
in all colors. 50c

Umbrellas
in various handles and fabrics. $1 to $5

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to resist severest storms. $5 to $25

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But a scientifically balanced, highly digestible ration isn't enough—it's got to be appetizing, and that's what the "Sucrene," the sugar part of Sucrene Dairy Feed does—it makes the cow enjoy eating and she digests her food all the better because she has a good taste in her mouth.

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Put up in 100-pound Sacks

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Holiday Goods are ready for your inspection. Our stock of Dishes, Lamps, Toys, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, etc., suitable for Christmas.

1000 Articles on Special sale at 10c to 25c each
Sold many places at double the price. The Department Store will supply you.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT
Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Trousers. Clothing of the latest style, finest fabrics and well fitting.

SHOE DEPARTMENT
We have an excellent line of Shoes and rubbers for Men, Women and Children, at Lowest Prices.

Prices 25 per cent. lower at Long's Department Store than any shoe store in Centre County.

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Men's Nobby Dress Hats
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We have a complete line of staple Groceries. Buy your groceries here and save money.

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Full line of Staple Hardware
Prices the lowest.

Winter is here!
Make up a list of your needs in winter goods and secure them at the special prices. We ask that you come during this month for your share of bargains.

We pay the highest market price for all kinds of produce.

Why not sell your produce where you get the best prices.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SPRING MILLS, PA.

THE WITMER WILL.

The Children Will Receive Share and Share Alike—Estimated Wealth Over $125,000.

The will of the late William Witmer was probated by the executors named in it, and it is found that the four living children and the heirs of the fifth (Mrs. Corman, deceased) will receive share and share alike. Mr. Witmer had five farms, and each of the children have been willed one of them, Mrs. Thomas of Centre Hall, receiving the Barrens farm. The executors will have five years for settling up the estate, but during that time each of the children will receive $500 annually. At the expiration of the five years, the funds from mortages, etc., will be divided equally in five shares, so that each of the direct heirs will receive an equal amount.

Mr. Witmer's wealth is variously estimated at from $100,000 to $150,000 and over. He reported to the assessors about $80,000, beside the real estate he holds.

The heirs are Mrs. Aaron Thomas, Centre Hall; Mrs. John Kline, State College; Mrs. John Felding, Linden Hall; James, Bellefonte, R. D.; and the heirs of Mrs. Wesley Corman, at Curtin.

The executors are Oliver Witmer, James Witmer, and Wm. G. Runkle, Esq., Bellefonte.

Party for Miss Meyers.

On Wednesday evening of last week a number of young people were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mowery, west of Centre Hall. The party was held in honor of Mr. Mowery's sister, Miss Bertha Meyers, of Lake Placid, New York, who is a trained nurse and accomplished in other ways The evening was very plessantly spent in music and playing interesting games. At a proper hour the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious supper was served and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Those present were as follows: Misses Mary Osman, Alice Belmar, Ruth Brooks, Ruth Callahan, and Mamie Bloom, Messrs. Oran Osman, Emmett Brooks, Clarence Bieber, Guy Brooks, and Howard Callahan.

At Garman's Opera House.

Monday, December 30th, "The Pearl of Holland," a musical comedy (forty people) with all the latest music, songs, and fancy dances. Admission, 25c, 50c. 75c. and $1 00 This show was booked for Williamsport, but owing to the date being taken the famous show was permitted to come to Bellefonte

Arrangements are being made to secure Cote's Saxophonic Symphonic Band for either December 24th or 25th.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Stahle, Newport, Del.
Mary Irvin Thompson, Lemont

Edward M. Peters, Milesburg
Blanche G. Treaster, Bellefonte

Ellis B. Hazzard, Peale
Savilla B. Bullock, Snow Shoe

Elmer E. Packer, Beech Creek
Nancy E. Deitz, Howard

LOCALS

Harry Hubler, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is at home at present.

Thomas Smith, the tinner, had a bell telephone installed in his residence in Centre Hall.

Miss Cora Barry, on her way to her home at Selinsgrove from Pittsburg, stopped with her brother, Rev. F. W. Barry, in Centre Hall.

Harold Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Musser, of Mifflinburg, is in Centre Hall, and will remain with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer, over the Christmas season.

William Magee, of Philadelphia, was in Centre Hall for several days, returning to the Philadelphia customs house where he holds a position, on Monday evening. He thinks it would just be fine to have a Centre countian surveyor of the port, and would welcome Mr. Kurtz as a new head under which to work.

W. B. Mingle, cashier of the Penns Valley Bank, is having his dwelling house and stable repainted, and has selected red as the color. It is the only residence in this section painted in that color, but red is a popular color for house paint these days, and that counts for everything. The improvement of his premises is decided. The work is being executed by the Weber Brothers, of State College, the particular workmen being Messrs. Fred Weber, State College, Magnus Duck, Spring Mills, J. A. Scholl, Millheim W. S. Slick, Centre Hall.

This is what the Clearfield Public Spirit says about one of Centre Hall's citizens: Ex-County Commissioner George L. Goodhart, of Centre Hall, was one of the prominent Centre county delegates to the State Grange Convention, who was much interested in the work of the convention. Besides being a Granger and one of the best fellows on earth, Mr. Goodhart is also an old-time Jeffersonian Democrat and is Democrat to the backbone twenty-four hours every day, just thirty days a months and twelve months of each and every year. He found time to talk a little politics with his Clearfield friends while here.

CROPS AND LIVESTOCK—$9,532,000,000

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The farm value of the crops, on December 1, was estimated as follows: Corn, 48 7 cents a bushel; winter wheat, 80 9 cents; spring wheat, 70.1 cents; all wheat, 76 cents; oats, 31 9 cents; barley, 50 5 cents; rye, 66 3 cents; buckwheat, 66 1 cents; flaxseed, $1 15; rice, 93 5 cents; potatoes, 50 5 cents; hay, $11.79 a ton; tobacco, 10 8 cents a pound.

Corn, the greatest crop of all, went almost 200,000,000 bushels beyond the record crop grown in 1906, and surpassed the 1911 crop by 593,258,000 bushels.

The total wheat crop was 108 929,000 bushels greater than last year; oats, 469 039 000 bushels greater; barley, 63,584,000 bushels greater; rye 2,545,000 bushels greater; buckwheat, 1 700,000 bushels greater; flaxseed, 8,703 000 bushels greater; potatoes, 127,910,000 bushels greater; hay, 1,775,000 tons greater; tobacco, 57,716 000 pounds greater, and rice 2,120,000 bushels greater.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Sarah Stover, wife of John F. Stover, died at her home near Peru, on Saturday. She was aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty days. Beside the husband these children survive: George C., Harvin; William H., Boalsburg; Samuel A., Oak Hall, and Jeremiah, at home.

Mrs. Stover was ill for a period of five weeks, having been a sufferer from apoplexy. Interment was made in the Shiloh Lutheran cemetery, and the services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Stover, of Boalsburg.

Oscar H. Osman, of Columbus, Ohio, died suddenly at his home of heart failure.

Mr. Osman was a native of Lemont and for some time a prominent business man of Snow Shoe. He went to Columbus, Ohio, two years ago where he has been engaged in the undertaking business.

He is survived by his wife and one son.

John Selke died at Scotia Monday morning and was buried at Pine Hall Wednesday afternoon. He was the father of Mrs. John Boudis, who was murdered several years ago by the negro, Bert Delige.

This is the last issue of the Centre Reporter in 1912.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Allen S. Work, an artist of skill, with headquarters at Punxsutawney, came to Centre Hall on Tuesday and is now preparing to decorate the Lutheran church in this place.

Bright Pupils.

The magazine of a high school in the isle of Thanet gives the following answers during a geography lesson:

"The pyramids are a range of mountains separating France from Spain."

"Cataract is the name of the mountain on which the ark rested."

"The Mediterraneau is joined to the Red sea by the Sewage canal."

"The hole in the top of a volcano, out of which the lather comes, is called the creator."—London Mail.

They Usually Do.

"I suppose you do a bigger trade when it rains than when it doesn't rain?"

"No, I don't notice any difference," said the umbrella dealer.

"But you get better prices when it rains, don't you?"

"Why should I?"

"Why, umbrellas go up, don't they?"—London Tit Bits.

No Chance of Depreciation.

"This car," said a loquacious agent, trying to sell a second hand motorcar, "will be just as good twenty years from now as it is today."

"It looks it," said the prospective customer. "What I want, though, is a car that will be better today than it will be after I've had it twenty years!"

Suspicious Adornment.

"Why did you prohibit jewelry at the meetings of your bridge club?"

"It became too easy to signal for trumps. Nearly every one of the players wore a heart shaped pendant, a solitaire diamond, a marquise ring that looked like a spade, and a clover leaf brooch."—Washington Star.

Result of Laziness.

"When Mark Twain was a boy at school in Hannibal," said a veteran Missourian, "the schoolmaster once set the class to writing a composition on 'The Result of Laziness.'

"Young Clemens at the end of half an hour handed in as his composition a blank slate."

Chance For a Laugh.

Aspirant—What do you think of my little poem, "He Always Refused to Smile?" Editor—Well, I think if you had given him the poem to read you would have broken the spell.

A Fashion Note.

Doctor (to female patient)—You've got a slight touch of fever. Your tongue has a thick coat— Patient (excitedly)—Oh, doctor, do tell me how it its!

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—

Dora M. Moyer vs. J. Madison Moyer. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. In Divorce A. V. M. No. 142, Sept. Term, 1912.

To J. Madison Moyer, whereas your wife, Dora M. Moyer has filed a liable in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 142, September Term, 1912, praying for a Divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear on or before Monday, February 24th, 1913, to answer the complaint of your said wife, Dora M. Moyer and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Dora M. Moyer should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

ARTHUR B. LEE.
Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Penna. Sheriff.
December, 1912. (0.3)

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—

Kathryn Meckley vs. James M. Meckley. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. In Divorce A. V. M. No. 168, Sept. Term, 1912.

To James M. Meckley, whereas your wife, Kathryn Meckley has filed a liable in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 168, September Term, 1912, praying for a Divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear on or before Monday, February 24th, 1913, to answer the complaint of your said wife, Kathryn Meckley and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Kathryn Meckley should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence,

ARTHUR B. LEE.
Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Penna. Sheriff.
December, 1912. (0.3)

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—

Anna L. Wilder vs. Marion E. Wilder. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. In Divorce A. V. M. No. 46, Sept. Term, 1912.

To Marion E. Wilder, whereas your wife, Anna L. Wilder has filed a liable in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 46, September Term 1912, praying for a Divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear on or before Monday, February 24, 1913, to answer the complaint of your said wife, Anna L. Wilder and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Anna L. Wilder should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

ARTHUR B. LEE.
Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Penna. Sheriff.
December, 1912. (0.3)

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—

J. Irvin Lucas vs. Clara Lucas. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. In Divorce A. V. M. No. 2, Sept. Term, 1912.

To Clara Lucas, whereas your husband, J. Irvin Lucas has filed a liable in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 2, September Term, 1912, praying for a Divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear on or before Monday, February 24th, 1913, to answer the complaint of your said husband, J. Irvin Lucas and to show cause, if any you have, why the said J. Irvin Lucas should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

ARTHUR B. LEE,
Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Penna. Sheriff.
December, 1912. (0.3)

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—

Sarah Braucher vs. Grant W. Braucher. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. In Divorce A. V. M. No. 47, Sept. Term, 1912.

To Grant W. Braucher, whereas your wife, Sarah Braucher has filed a liable in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 47, September Term, 1912, praying for a Divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear on or before Monday February 24th, 1913, to answer the complaint of your said wife, Sarah Braucher and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Sarah Braucher should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

ARTHUR B. LEE.
Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Penna. Sheriff.
December, 1912. (0.3)

Sale Register.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, AT 12:30 O'CLOCK, one fourth mile south of Red Mill, by Mrs. Annie Slack. Three horses, 5 cows, 5 young cattle, brood sows, full line of farming implements, and many other articles. L. F. Mayes, auctioneer.

Reformed—December 22: Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, evening, Christmas service. December 24: Centre Hall, evening, Christmas service. December 25: Tusseyville, evening. Christmas service. December 29: Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 8:30 o'clock, on the Van Tries farm, one mile south of Linden Hall, by Charles W. Weaver: Seven horses, 45 head of cattle, 30 hogs, full line of implements. This is a clean up sale in every line; nothing reserved. Frank L. Mayes, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, one o'clock, at Centre Hall, by S. W. Smith: six horses—three are rising four years; one is rising three years, and one rising two years; one driving mare. These horses are six of nine animals now in my stable. Also, several cows.

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PROFESSIONAL NURSE—Any one wishing the services of a professional nurse is requested to communicate with the undersigned. Am a graduate of Rochester, N. Y., Hospital. Call 76-11 Bell Telephone, or address—BERTHA MYERS, Centre Hall, Pa. (0.50)

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Rather Strong.

Uncle Billbab (who has unwisely sampled the side dish of Roquefort cheese)—By gum! That butter ain't in no trance!—Judge.

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The Genuine DOMESTIC
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The kind your grandmothers used. Over 2,000,000 now in use. Two machines in one—both lockstitch and chain stitch. Latest model—all newest improvements.
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Suitable gifts for all may be found at our store. A few of the many are:

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CANDY--the good wholesome kind

Don't forget the Candy! The children will be looking for it. To them, Christmas without candy is like the "Fourth" without fire crackers—it's not real. We have the candy—any amount and any kind of it—toy, mixture, and all chocolate—all wholesome and good. The old folks like the taste of candy at Christmas time, too. Buy lots of candy; its the best as well as the cheapest Christmas gift.

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You will find our store always well stocked with all staple goods—groceries, dry goods of all kinds, notions, rubber goods, boots, shoes, etc.

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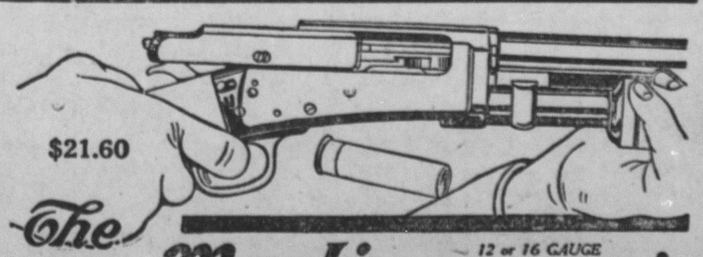

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A Defective Santa Claus

by James Whitcomb Riley

Illustrations by C. M. Relyea and Will Vawter

Decorations by Ellsworth Young

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ALLUS when our Pa he's
away
Nen Uncle Sidney
comes to stay
At our house here—so
Ma an' me
An' Etty an' Lee-Bob
won't be
Afeard ef anything at
night
Might happen—like Ma
says it might.
(Ef Trip wuz big, I bet you he
'Uz best watch-dog you ever see!)
An' so last winter—ist before
It's go' be Chris'mus Day,—w'y, shore
Enough, Pa had to haf to go
To 'tend a lawsuit—"An' the snow
Ist right fer Santy Claus!" Pa said,
As he clum in old Ayersuz' sled,
An' said he's sorry he can't be
With us that night—"'Cause," he-says-ee,
"Old Santy might be comin' here—
This very night of all the year
I' got to be away!—so all
You kids must tell him—ef he call—
He's mighty welcome, an' yer Pa
He left his love with you an' Ma
An' Uncle Sid!" An' clucked, an' leant
Back, laughin'—an' away they went!

An' Uncle wave' his hands an' yells

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"Yer old horse ort to have on bells!"
But Pa yell back an' laugh an' say
"I 'spect when Santy come this way
It's time enough fer sleighbells nen!"
An' holler back "Good-by!" again,
An' reach out with the driver's whip
An' cut behind an' drive back Trip.

An' so all day it snowed an' snowed!
An' Lee-Bob he ist watched the road,
In his high-chair; an' Etty she

An' Lee-Bob, he ist watched the road

U'd play with Uncle Sid an' me
Like she wuz he'ppin' fetch in wood
An' keepin' old fire goin' good,
Where Ma she wuz a-cookin' there
An' kitchen, too, an' ever'where!
An' Uncle say, "'At's ist the way
Yer Ma's b'en workin', night an' day,
Sence she hain't big as Etty is
Er Lee-Bob in that chair of his!"
Nen Ma she'd laugh 't what Uncle said
An' smack an' smoove his old bald head
An' say "Clear out the way till I
Can keep that pot from b'ilin' dry!"

"Where Ma she wuz a-cookin' there

An' he roll them old big 'taters in the place

Nen Uncle, when she's gone back to
The kitchen, says, "We ust to do
Some cookin' in the ashes.—Say,
S'posin' we try some, thataway!"
An' nen he send us to tell Ma
Send two big 'taters in he saw
Pa's b'en a-keepin' 'cause they got
The premium at the Fair. An' what
You think?—He rake a grea'-big hole
In the hot ashes, an' he roll
Them old big 'taters in the place
An' rake the coals back—an' his face
Ist swettin' so's he purt'-nigh swear
'Cause it's so hot! An' when they're there
'Bout-time 'at we fergit 'em, he
Ist rake 'em out again—an' gee!—
He bu'st 'em with his fist wite on
A' old stove-led, while Etty's gone
To get the salt, an' butter, too—
Ist like he said she haf to do,
No matter what Ma say! An' so

"He's the best lighter ever wuz!"

He salt and butter 'em, an' blow
'Em cool enough to eat—
An' mo-my! they're hard to beat!
An' Trip 'ud ist lay there an' pant
Like he'd laugh out loud, but he can't.
Nen Uncle fill his pipe—an' we
'Ud he'p him light it—Sis an' me,—
But mostly little Lee-Bob, 'cause
"He's the best lighter ever wuz!"
Like Uncle telled him wunst when Lee-Bob cried an' jerked the light from me,
He wuz so mad! So Uncle pat
An' pet him. (Lee-Bob's ust to that—
'Cause he's the little-est, you know,
An' allus has b'en humored so!)

An' old three-legged skillut—

Nen Uncle gits the flat-arn out,
An', while he's tellin' us all 'bout
Old Chris'mus-times when he's a kid,
He ist cracked hickernuts, he did,
Till they's a crockful, mighty nigh!
An' when they're all done by an' by,
He raked the red coals out again
An' telled me, "Fetch that popcorn in,
An' old three-legged skillut—an'
The led an' all now, little man—
An' yer old Uncle here 'ull show
You how corn's popped, long years ago
When me an' Santy Claus wuz boys
On Pap's old place in Illinois!—
An' your Pa, too, wuz chums, all through,

With Santy!—Wisht Pa'd be here, too!"
Nen Uncle sigh at Ma, an' she
Pat him again, an' say to me
An' Etty,—"You take warning fair!—
Don't talk too much, like Uncle there,
Ner don't fergit, like him, my dears,
That 'little pitchers has big ears!'"
But Uncle say to her, "Clear out!—
Yer brother knows what he's about.—
You git your Chris'mus-cookin' done
Er these pore children won't have none!"
Nen Trip wake up an' raise, an' nen
Turn roun' an' nen lay down again.
An' one time Uncle Sidney say,—
"When dogs is sleepin' thataway,
Like Trip, an' whimpers, it's a sign
He'll ketch eight rabbits—mayby nine—
Afore his fleas'll wake him—nen—
He'll bite hisse'f to sleep again
An try to dream he's go' ketch ten."

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An' when Ma's gone again back in
The kitchen, Uncle scratch his chin
An' say, "When Santy Claus an' Pa
An' me wuz little boys—an' Ma,
When she's 'bout big as Etty there;—
W'y,—'When we're growed—no matter where,'
Santy he cross' his heart an' say,
'I'll come to see you all, some day
When you' got childerns—all but me
An' pore old Sid!'" Nen Uncle he
Ist kindo' shade his eyes an' pour'
Bout forty-'leven bushels more
O' popcorn out the skillut there
In Ma's new basket on the chair.

"I'll come to see you all, someday"

An' nen he telled us—an' talk' low,
"So Ma can't hear," he say:—"You know
Yer Pa know', when he drived away,
Tomorry's go' be Chris'mus-Day;—
Well, nen tonight," he whisper, "see?—
It's go' be Chris'mus-Eve," says-ee,
"An', like yer Pa hint, when he went,
Old Santy Claus (now hush) he's sent
Yer Pa a postul card, an' write
He's shorely go' be here tonight:
That's why your Pa's so bored to be

He's shorely go' be here tonight...

But Uncle et, an' Ma

Away tonight, when Santy he—
Is go' be here, sleighbells an' all,
To make you kids a Chris-mus-call!'
An' we're so glad to know fer shore
He's comin', I roll on the floor—
An' here come Trip a-waller'n' roun'
An' purt-nigh knock the clo'shorse down!—
An' Etty grab Lee-Bob an' prance
All roun' the room like it's a dance—
Till Ma she come and march us nen
To dinner, where we're still again,
But tickled so we ist can't eat
But pie, an' ist the best mincemeat
With raisins in.—But Uncle et,
An' Ma. An' there they set and set

When we all waddle back with it

Till purt'-nigh supper-time; nen we
Tell him he's got to fix the Tree
'Fore Santy gets here, like he said.
We go nen to the old woodshed—
All bundled up, through the deep snow—
"An' snowin' yet, jee-rooshy-O!"
Uncle he said, an' he'p us wade
Back where's the Chris'mus-Tree he's made
Out of a little jackoak-top
He git down at the sawmill-shop—
An' Trip 'ud run ahead, you know,
An' 'tend-like he 'uz eatin' snow—
When we all waddle back with it;
An' Uncle set it up—and git

"Hain't that a sleigh an' sleighbells jinglin'?"

It wite in front the fireplace—'cause
He says "'Tain't so 'at Santy Claus
Comes down all chimblies,—least, tonight
He's comin' in this house all right—
By the front-door, as ort to be!—
We'll all be hid where we can see!
Nen he look up, an' he see Ma
An' say, "It's ist too bad their Pa
Can't be here, so's to see the fun
The childern will have, ever' one!"
Well, we!—We hardly couldn't wait
Till it wuz dusk, an' dark an' late
Enough to light the lamp!—An' Lee-Bob light a candle on the tree—
"Ist one—'cause I'm 'The Lighter!'"—Nen
He clumb on Uncle's knee again
An' hug us bofe;—an' Etty git
Her little chist an set on it
Wite clos't while Uncle telled some more
Bout Santy Claus, an' clo'es he wore
"All maked o furs, an' trimmed as white
As cotton is, er snow at night!"
An' nen, all sudden-like, he say,—

"Hush! Listen there! Hain't that a sleigh
An' sleighbells jinglin'?" Trip go "Whoobl"
Like he hear bells an' smell 'em, too.
Nen we all listen. An'-sir, shore
Enough, we hear bells—more and more
A-jinglin' clos'ter—clos'ter still!
Down the old crook-road roun' the hill.
An' Uncle he jumps up, an' all
The chairs he jerks back by the wall
An' th'ows a' overcoat an' pair
O' winder-curtains over there
An' says, "Hide quick, er you're too late!—
Them bells is stoppin' at the gate!—
Git back o' them-'air chairs an' hide,
Cause I hear Santy's voice outside!"
An' Bang! bang! bang! we heerd the door—

Nen it flewed open

Nen it flewed open, and the floor
Blowed full o' snow—that's first we saw,
Till little Lee-Bob shriek' at Ma
"There's Santy Claus! I know him by
His big white mufftash!"—an' ist cry
An' laugh an' squeal an' dance an' yell—
Till, when he quiet down a spell,
Old Santy bow an' th'ow a kiss
To him—an' one to me an' Sis
An' nen go clos't to Ma an' stoop
An' kiss her—An' nen give a whoop
That fainted her!—'Cause when he bent
An' kiss her, he ist backed an' went
Wite 'ginst the Chris'mus-Tree ist where
The candle's at Lee-Bob lit there!—
An' set his white-fur belt afire—
An' blaze streaked roun' his waist an' higher

I've ist got to put you out

Wite up his old white beard an th oat!
Nen Uncle grabs th' old overcoat
An' flops it over Santy's head,
An' swing the door wide back an' said
"Come out, old man!—an' quick about
It!—I've ist got to put you out!"
An' out he sprawled him in the snow—
"Now roll!" he says—"Hi-roll-ee-O!"
An' Santy, sputter'n "Ouch! Gee-whiz!"
Ist roll an' roll fer all they is!
An' Trip he's out there, too,—I know,
'Cause I could hear him yappin' so—
An' I heerd Santy, wunst er twice,
Say, as he's rollin,' "Drat the ice!"
Nen Uncle come back in, an' shake
Ma up, an' say, "Fer mercy-sake!
He hain't hurt none!" An' nen he said,—
"You youngsters h'ist up-stairs to bed!—
Here! kiss yer Ma 'Good-night,' an' me,—
We'll he'p old Santy fix the Tree—
An' all yer whistles, horns an' drums
I'll he'p you toot when morning comes!"

It's long while 'fore we go to sleep,—
'Cause down-stairs, all-time somepin' keep

Some more a-talkin' out there by the fence

An that's the last I know

A-kindo' scufflin' roun' the floors—
An' openin' doors, an' shettin' doors—
An' could hear Trip a-whinin', too,
Like he didn't know ist what to do—
An' tongs a-clankin' down k'thump!—
Nen some one squonkin' the old pump—
An' Whooh! how cold it soun' out there!
I could ist see the pump-spout where
It's got ice chin-whiskers all wet
An' drippy—An' I see it yet!
An' nen, seem-like, I hear some men
A-talkin' out there by the fence
An' one says, "Oh, 'bout twelve o'clock!"
"Nen," 'nother'n says, "Here's to you, Doc!—

An one hand's froze, too

God bless us ever' one!" An' nen
I heerd the old pump squonk again.
An' nen I say my prayer all through
Like Uncle Sidney learn' me to.—
"O Father mine, e'en as Thine own,
This child looks up to Thee alone:
Asleep or waking, give him still
His Elder brother's wish and will."
An' that' the last I know Till Ma
She's callin' us—an' so is Pa,—
He holler "Chris'mus-gif'!" an' say,—
"I'm got back home fer Chris'mus-Day!—
An' Uncle Sid's here, too—an' he
Is nibblin' 'roun' yer Chris'mus-Tree!"
Nen Uncle holler, "I suppose
Yer Pa's so proud he's froze his nose
He wants to turn it up at us,
'Cause Santy kick' up such a fuss—
Tetchin' hisse'f off same as ef
He wus his own fireworks hisse'f!"

An Uncle bow his face

An' when we're down-stairs,—shore enough,
Pa's nose is fro—, an' salve an' stuff
All on it—an' one hand's froze, too,
An' got a old ya'n red-and-blue
Mitt on it—"An' he's froze some more
Acrost his chist, an' kindo' sore
All roun' his dy-fram," Uncle say—
"But Pa he'd ort a-seen the way
Santy bear up last night when that
Air fire broke out, an' quicker'n scat
He's all a-blazin', an' them-'air
Gun-cottin whiskers that he wear
Ist flashin'!—till I burn a hole
In the snow with him, and he roll
The front yard dry as Chris'mus jokes
Old parents plays on little folks!
But, long's a smell o' tow er wool,
I kept' him rollin' beautiful!—
Till I wuz sure I shorely see
He's squenched! W'y, hadn't b'en fer me,
That old man might a-burnt clear down
Clean—plum—level with the groun'!"
Nen Ma say, "There, Sid; that'll do!—
Breakfast is ready—Chris'mus too.—
Your voice 'ud soun' best, sayin' Grace—
Say it." An' Uncle bow' his face
An' say so long a Blessing nen,
Trip bark' two times 'fore it's "A-men!"

DIFFERENCE.

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The Governor—Given! You mean sold!

HEAD A MASS OF PIMPLES

Hyattsville, Md.—"My little boy was taken with an itching on the scalp. There was an ashy place on his head about the size of a ten-cent piece, and the hair was falling from this place by the roots. In about ten days all over his head were these ashy spots which looked like ringworm, but were porous-like. The itching and burning made him scratch a great deal. His head had gotten so that it was just a mass of mattery little pimples all heaped on each other, and when I took off his night-cap, the hair and flesh came off at the same time. I really thought he would lose his whole scalp. He couldn't sleep for five weeks, it would itch and burn until I thought he would go into convulsions.

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Hopeless.

"Who wrote that story about Roosevelt's return to the Outlook office?" asked the managing editor.

"Billy Pennington," replied the city editor. "I thought it was a pretty good story."

"It was more than that. It was a remarkable story. I think we ought to raise Pennington's salary. He didn't wind up by saying: 'The colonel then plunged into a mass of correspondence.'"

"I'm sorry to have to tell you that he did. I blue-penciled that part of it."

"Oh, pshaw! We'll never be able to make anything of that fellow."

Where Autos Are Barred.

Prince Edward island bars automobiles, not because the islanders cannot afford the machines, but because of accidents caused by the recklessness of drivers who brought in the first cars. They caused many runaways, and a few had tragic endings. The legislature at once passed a law barring autos from the island. Some of the leading cities have since endeavored to have the enactment repealed, but the country influence has always been strong enough to overcome all such efforts.

Too Cold for Baths.

Dr. Xene Y. Smith, a medical inspector in the Muncie (Ind.) public schools, tells this story of his experiences in examining pupils.

"When were you bathed?" asked Dr. Smith of a boy of seven or eight years in a suburban school.

"Bathed?" quiered the child. "Why, don't you know this is winter?"

Banquets.

"Pa, who do people have banquets?"

"For the purpose of giving men who do not get a chance to talk at home a chance to talk away from home."

Rather Strenuous.

"Did they kiss and make up?"

"Yes, and after they kissed, Bella had to make up again."

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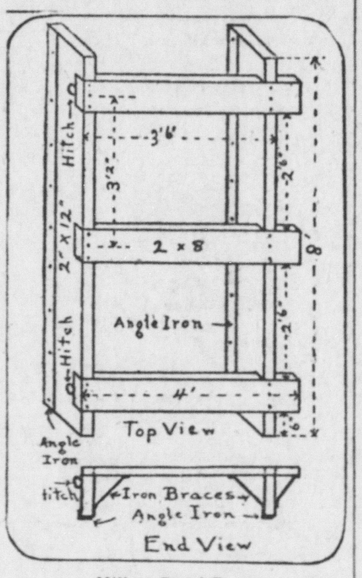
FARM AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT

DAKOTA TYPE OF ROAD DRAG

Different From Others and Is Improvement Because Dirt Cannot Accumulate Underneath.

Mr. J. E. Millett of Hudson, S. D., sends us a sketch of a road drag which he uses which is a little different from any others we have seen described, and we think it an improvement, says the Dakota Farmer. We think it is an improvement because there is nothing between the two



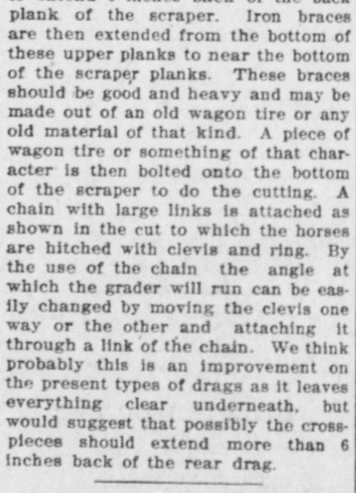
Millett Road Drag.

planks to gather the dirt under the drag. He takes two pieces of bridge-plank each 8 feet long and three pieces of 2x8 4 feet long to make the drag. The bridge-plank are stood on edge 3 feet 6 inches apart and the three pieces of 2x8 4 feet long are spiked on the top with very heavy spikes. This allows the cross pieces to extend 6 inches back of the back plank of the scraper. Iron braces are then extended from the bottom of these upper planks to near the bottom of the scraper planks. These braces should be good and heavy and may be made out of an old wagon tire or any old material of that kind. A piece of wagon tire or something of that character is then bolted onto the bottom of the scraper to do the cutting. A chain with large links is attached as shown in the cut to which the horses are hitched with clevis and ring. By the use of the chain the angle at which the grader will run can be easily changed by moving the clevis one way or the other and attaching it through a link of the chain. We think probably this is an improvement on the present types of drags as it leaves everything clear underneath, but would suggest that possibly the cross-pieces should extend more than 6 inches back of the rear drag.

RAPIDITY IN HUSKING CORN

Michigan Man Invents Device That Does Work Almost as Quickly as Ears Are Picked Up.

It would be amusing if a man could attend an old-fashioned country husking bee with one of these corn husking devices and keep it hidden. He would so far outstrip all the other huskers that they would wonder how many hands he had. A Michigan man invented this device, which consists of a pair of pivotally connected curved jaws, a handle carried by each jaw, and strips on each handle by means of which they may be fastened to



Corn Husker.

the hand. The interior of the jaws are serrated, so that when they are gripped over the husk of an ear of corn they take hold of it and strip it off in a twinkling, rolling the entire husk back at once. One motion is all that is required, and with a little practice a man can husk corn with this device as fast as he can pick the ears up.

Make Silos Deep.

You should always have your silos made deep so the silage will pack good

GOOD ROAD BUILDING RULES

Deputy Commissioner of Michigan Gives Several Excellent Hints for Constructing Highways.

(By FRANK F. ROGERS, Deputy Highway Commissioner of Michigan.)

Never drag a dry road.

When dragging let the team straddle the wheel track.

It is absolutely necessary to use tile drains where roads cross springy soils.

A rise of six feet in each hundred feet of length is the required grade for state reward roads.

Loose sandy roads should be nearly level, with very shallow gutters to remove the water when the ground is frozen.

The cost for regrading old roads to fit them for the state reward restrictions has been between $200 and $400 per mile.

Where tile drains are not needed, the bottom of the open drains should usually be at least two feet below the crown of the road.

No roads can be made good until the hills have been graded down to reasonable inclines and the road beds suitably shaped for travel.

Frequent scraping of sand roads with the road-scraper, or other scraping tools, is not only a loss of time and money, but a positive injury. Turnpiking up the sand simply helps the wheels to cut into it that much deeper.

Directions for making the plank road float may be obtained by writing to the state highway department at Lansing, Mich. This float is recognized to be the most useful road tool in existence. It can be built for about $3.

The time to use the float drag is, (1) In the spring when the frost has left the ground and the road begins to dry, but while yet muddy. (2) Immediately after very prolonged rain any time throughout the season. (3) In the fall just before the ground freezes. (4) In winter if frost should happen to leave the ground.

Gravel roads are popular in Michigan:

(1) Because they are durable and satisfactory.

(2) Because they are easily built and easily repaired, requiring no expensive machinery.

(3) Because the first cost is low.

(4) Because they draw a relatively large state reward, frequently one-third or more of their cost.

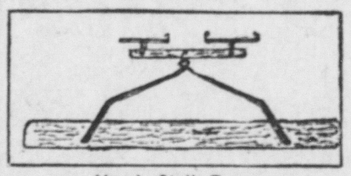
(5) Because they are a labor proposition from start to finish and keep all the money spent in their construction at home.

If you have gravel, build a gravel road.

HANDY FOR BREAKING STALKS

Implement for Use During Winter Months Is Simple and Any Blacksmith Can Make One.

For breaking stalks in winter, a tool is very simple and easily made. The plank is about 3x8 inches, and long enough to break five rows. The



Handy Stalk Drag.

manner of hitching, says the Practical Farmer, is also easy, and any blacksmith will soon make it.

Bolt the rods to the plank about four feet from the ends, to prevent plank from jumping. On lower front edge of plank nail an old wagon tire, with worn side of tire next to plank, with sharp cutting edge down. Use when stalks are frozen.

Good Roads & Farm Notes

Buy your clover seed early.

Good roads cost money, but they are worth it.

It's a wise farmer that knows his own seed corn.

Shooting quail ought to be made a penitentiary offense.

Deep-plowed land has a great capacity for storage of moisture.

A heavy crop of weeds will check the growth of the clover a great deal.

A clover sod turned down makes an excellent foundation for a corn crop.

The ground for sweet clover seed should be prepared the same as for alfalfa or clover.

Hay stacked in the open loses 20 per cent. of its value by spoiling on the sides and bottom.

It does not pay to devote high priced land for long periods to pasturage and the production of hay.

Rotation allows or assists nature to repair her waste places and incidentally facilitate the war on weeds.

Among plants requiring large amounts of lime in the soil are alfalfa, clover, peas, beans and vetches.

Fall plowing of field areas will often be of service in controlling cut worms that are affecting field crops.

The silo means excellent feed stored in small space. Just what is needed when the grass in the pasture is dry.

Corn, sorghum, clover, alfalfa, soy beans, oats, rye, kaffir corn and milo maize are the crops most generally used for silo purposes.

Protein that is grown on the farm is often more palatable than that which is purchased in concentrated form, and is also cheaper.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Bradstreets' says:

"Trade still displays considerable vigor, irregularity or slackness in this or that quarter, being offset by increased or sustained activity in many lines. Thus, orders for future delivery continue on an extensive scale, while holiday distribution probably exceeds that of any previous season.

"Incidentally, jobbers have done well with holiday specialties. On the other hand, sales of winter-weight goods have been hampered over a wide area by unseasonably mild weather, and, therefore, reorders received by jobbers are hardly up to seasonable expectations.

"However, sentiment is still optimistic, which fact is corroborated by steady buying for future account.

"Business failures in the United States for the week were 285, against 247 last week, 267 in the like week of 1911, 267 in 1910, 259 in 1909 and 298 in 1908."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 106c nominal elevator and 107 nominal f o b afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 95⅛ f o b afloat.

Corn—Spot steady; exports, 55¼c f o b afloat to arrive. Receipts, 20,000 bushels.

Oats—Spot steady. Receipts, 105,000 bu; shipments, 8,000.

Eggs—Refrigerator, seconds, 19½@20½c; thirds and poorer, 17@19; state, Pennsylvania and nearby selected whites, defective in size and quality, 35@45.

Poultry—Live firm; Western chickens, 13@14c; fowls, 13@14; turkeys, 17. Dressed dull; fresh killed Western chickens, 11@17½c; fowls, 12½@16½; turkeys, 13@21.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat firm and ½c higher. No. 2 red winter, in export elevators, 97½@98c.

Oats—Firm and ½c higher; No. 2 white natural, 40c.

Butter—Firm and 1c higher; creamery extra, 38@38½c; nearby prints, extra, 39@40; fancy, 41.

Eggs—Weak and 30c per case lower. Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f c, $10.20 per case; do, current receipts, f c, $9.30; Western firsts, f c, $10.20; do, current receipts, f c, $9@9.30.

Dressed Poultry—Steady, fair demand. Turkeys, Delaware and Maryland, fancy, selected, 23c; do, average, best, 20@22; do, Western, average best, 19@20; do, fair to good, 15@18.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red and December, 102½c; January, 104¼ nominal; February, 106 nominal; March, 107½ nominal.

Corn — Spot, new, 54¼c; year, 54¾; January, 62½.

Oats—No. 2 white, 38¾@39c; standard white, 37¼@37¾; No. 2 white, 36½@36¾; No. 4 white, 35@35¼.

Rye—No. 2 Western domestic, 76@77c; No. 3, do do, 68@69; No. 4 do do, 64@65; bag lots nearby, as to quality, 65@72.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $19@19.50; standard timothy, $18@18.50; No. 2 timothy, $17@17.50; No. 3 do, $11@16; light clover mixed, $16@16.50; No. 1 clover mixed, $15@15.50; No. 2 clover mixed, $13@14; heavy clover mixed, $13@14; No. 1 clover, $14@14.50; No. 2 do, $10@12.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, $18.50; No. 2 do, $16@16.50; No. 1 tangled do, $11; No. 2 do, $9@10; No. 1 wheat, $8; No. 2 do, $6.50@7; No. 1 oat, $9@10; No. 2 do, $8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 37@37½; creamery, choice, 35@36; creamery, good, 32@34; creamery, prints, 35@38; creamery, blocks, 34@37½; ladles, 23@25; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 22@24.

Cheese—Jobbing lots, per lb, 19@20c.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 34c; Western firsts, 34; West Virginia firsts, 33@34; Southern firsts, 32@33. Recrated and rehandled eggs ½ to 1c higher.

Dressed Poultry—Scalded, undrawn, head and feet on, per lb. Turkeys—Choice, 18c; fair to good, 15@16. Chickens—Choice, young, 15c; old and mixed, 14; old roosters, 9@10. Ducks, 13@15c. Geese — Nearby, 14@15c; Western and Southern, 13@14.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 14c; do do, small to medium, 13; old roosters, 9; young, large, 15; do, small, 15. Ducks—White Pekings, 14c; muscovy, 13; puddle, 13. Geese—Nearby, 13c; Western and Southern, 12; Kent Island, 14@15. Turkeys—Young, choice, 8 lbs and over, 18c; old toms, 16@17. Guinea Fowl, each—Old, 25c; young, 1½ lbs and over, 45; do, smaller, 30.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Cattle—Beeves, $5.60@11; Texas steers, $4.40@5.70, Western steers, $5.40@9.10; stockers and feeders, $4.35@7.75; cows and heifers, $2.70@7.50; calves, $6.75@10.50.

Hogs—Light, $7.25@7.65; mixed, $7.30@7.70; heavy, $7.25@7.70; rough $7.25@7.45; pigs, $5.25@7.15; bulk of sales, $7.55@7.65.

Sheep—Native, $3.60@4.65; Western, $3.90@4.60; yearlings, $4.90@6.25; lambs, native, $5.50@7.75; Western, $5.65@7.65

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"Thank you, sir," said the bright little fellow. "I will do my best to be be a good servant to you."

"That's the right spirit, my lad," he remarked, encouragingly. "In all the years that I have been in business no one has ever thanked me in that way. I will make the increase three shillings. Now, what do you say to that?"

"Well, sir," replied the lad, smilingly, "would you mind if I said it again?"

Epigram.

"That wasn't a bad epigram on the magistrate's part," said the somewhat educated tramp, who had been convicted for vagrancy.

"What did he say?" asked the tramp's pal.

"Seven days," came the reply.

"That ain't no epigram, is it?"

"I'm sure it is. I asked a parson once what an epigram was, and he says, 'It's a short sentence that sounds light, but gives you plenty to think about.'"

Scarce as Hen's Teeth.

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Up And Doing.

Not all city folks are as ignorant of the farmer' surroundings as the farmers sometimes suppose. This was evidenced by an incident in the stay of a young New Yorker on a New England farm.

"Well, young man," said the farmer to his boarder who was up early and looking around, "been out to hear the haycock crow, I suppose?" And the sly old chap winked at his hired man.

The city man smiled. "No," said he suavely, "I've merely been out tying a knot in a cord of wood."—Judge's Library.

Being a Diplomat.

"I am much bothered," he said. "I can marry a wealthy widow whom I don't love, or a poor girl that I do love intensely. What shall I do?"

"Listen to your heart," advised his companion, "and marry the one you love."

"You are right, my friend. I shall marry the girl."

"Then can you give me the widow's address?"—London Opinion.

Defending Mother.

"Papa, mamma says that one-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives?"

"Well, she shouldn't blame herself, dear, it isn't her fault."

I will not be concerned at other men's not knowing me; I will be concerned at my own want of ability.—Confucius.

Method will teach you to win time.—Goethe.

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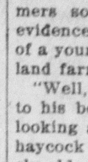

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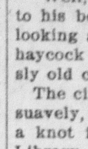

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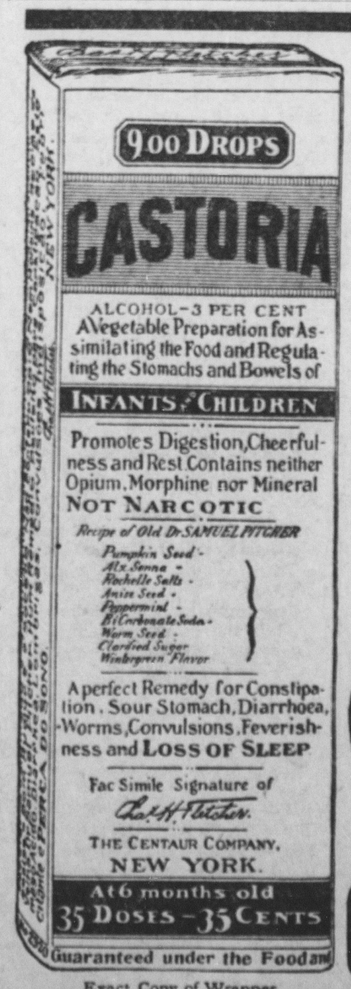
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Various Churches and Sunday-Schools in Penns Valley Will Hold Special Services.

Many of the churches and Sunday-schools in Penns Valley will hold Christmas services.

The times appointed for these services greatly enjoyed by all—young and old—are these:

BOALSBURG.
Reformed, December 24, evening.

LINDEN HALL.
United Evangelical, December 26, evening.

CENTRE HALL
Reformed, December 24, evening.

TUSSEYVILLE.
Reformed, December 25, evening.
Lutheran, December 25, evening.

SPRING MILLS.
Reformed, December 22, evening.
Lutheran, December 22, evening.

GEORGES VALLEY.
Lutheran, December 24, evening.

WOODWARD.
Evangelical Association, December 22, evening.

MILLHEIM.
Reformed, December 22, evening.

AARONSBURG.
Lutheran, December 24, evening.

FIEDLER
Reformed, December 23, evening.

PENN HALL
Reformed, December 25, evening.

REBERSBURG
Evangelical, December 24, evening.

CROPS AND LIVESTOCK—$9,532,000,000

Department of Agriculture Insures Final Estimate of 1912 Harvest.

Final estimates of the production and value of the nation's principal farm crops in 1912 were made public by the department of agriculture.

The wealth produced on farms through the soil and farmers' live stock reaches the enormous total of $9,532,000,000. Of this, $6,137,000,000 is derived from crops and $3,395,000,000 from livestock.

The value of the thirteen principal crops of the country are as follows:

	Value.
Corn	$1 520 454 000
W. Wheat	232 572 000
S. Wheat	231 708 000
All Wheat	555 280 000
Oats	452 469 000
Barley	112 957 000
Rye	23 636 000
Buckwheat	12 720 000
Flaxseed	31 202 000
Rice	23 423 000
Potatoes	212 550 000
Hay	856 695 000
Tobacco	104 063 000

Aaronsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver spent a day at Coburn with Thomas Meyer.

Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, is spending a few days among his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver were up to Klondike to assist their son, Arthur to kill a nice lot of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Acker came home from Plainfield, Illinois, where they were employed for the last three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guisewite, of Fiedler, were the welcome guests, one day last week, of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver.

Congratulations to J. F. Krape, as the stork left a fine baby boy at his home recently. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Miss Mertie Forster, of Reading, is at present with her cousins Mary and John Forster, and will remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Maud Hosterman, one of the fine seamstresses in this section, is at present spending a few weeks with her brother-in-law, John Zerby, at Farmers Mills.

On Saturday morning A. S. Stover, Esq., William Krape, and Mrs. James Roush took Mrs. Maggie Krape to the Danville Hospital. All her friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Harvey Crouse, the huckster, made a business trip to Renovo. Henry Lingle accompanied him as far as Lock Haven, where he is visiting his uncle Albert Stambach. He will meet there his brother Albert, who is coming from Buffalo, N. Y.

On Sunday, the 15th of November, Mr. and Mrs. William Guisewite celebrated their 25th anniversary of their marriage. Those who were invited to the grand turkey dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Crouse, Misses Mary and Mattie Forster, Miss Sara Guisewite, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bower and daughter May, Mrs. Thomas Harper, Mrs. Caroline Maze. Congratulations to the family.

Some time during March John Homan, who for two years farmed the Henry Homan farm, east of town, will become a resident of Centre Hall, and will occupy a portion of the Fleisher home. He will be employed on the Reporter's acres.

Judge Smith, sitting on the bench at Clearfield, Monday morning refused the motion for a new trial in the case of Jack Keeler, convicted of the crime of killing Joseph Roessner, the Clearfield brewer, and was immediately after sentenced to be hanged.

The Democracy of Death.

In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor standing nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury, and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures. The invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from unrequited toil. Here at last is nature's final degree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed, injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity which makes life so cruel and inexplicable ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that invincible adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished.—John J. Ingalls.

Beauty Five Centuries Ago.

They have dug up an old beauty book in Italy, published 500 years ago, which laid down the following rules of the game:

"To be beautiful," says the work, "the women must have the following: Three white things—skin, hands and teeth. Three black things—eyes, eyelashes and eyebrows. Three pink things—lips, gums and nails. Three long things—life, hands and hair. Three short things—teeth, ears and tongue. Three wide things—forehead, shoulders and intelligence. Three narrow things—waist, mouth and ankle. Three delicate things—fingers, lips and mind. Three round things—arm, leg and dowry."

Things haven't changed so much in five centuries, have they? Or, let us say, that woman's beauty is immortal and immutable.—Albany Times-Union.

A Thoughtful French Wife.

Weary of life, a farmer went out to his barn and hanged himself. A little later his wife, entering the barn to feed some animals, saw her husband swinging from the rafters. Arguing that if, as it was natural to think, her husband intended to commit suicide he would be exasperated by the frustration of his intention, she left the body as it was and went on with the work of the farm. Several hours later in the evening, when her daughter came back from the fields, the woman told her what had happened. Mother and daughter deliberated for some time as to what ought to be done and finally decided to inform the mayor. When that official came in haste and cut down the body life had been extinct for several hours.—London Telegraph.

A Bird Performer.

Canaries and other tame birds are sometimes taught to perform tricks, but it always has been regarded almost an impossibility to train a wild bird. Andrew Hume, the famous Scotch bird lover, trained one of the wildest of Scotch birds to perform all sorts of remarkable tricks—to jump and keep time with the skipping rope, to perform on the slack and tight rope, climb an upright rope, stand on top of a running carriage, draw cards out of a box, mount a ladder and ring a bell, go round a wheeling stair step by step and fly to its owner's head when called upon.

Ingratitude.

When Lord B. died a person met an old man who was one of his most intimate friends. He was pale, confused, awe stricken. Every one was trying to console him, but in vain.

"His loss," he exclaimed, "does not affect me so much as his horrible ingratitude. Would you believe it? He died without leaving me anything in his will—I, who have dined with him at his own house three times a week for thirty years!"—Life.

Sad Case.

Son—I came across a very sad case this morning, father. I pitied the man with all my heart. Father—What was it, my son? I am pleased to know you show so much sympathy for the poor. Son—There was a deaf and dumb man begging in the High street who had an impediment in his speech. Father (crossly)—Impossible. Do not expect me to believe such nonsense. Son—It is the truth, father—he had a finger off.

In Boston.

"No doubt she's very charming in her way, but I can't remember when I've seen a person of pretensions so lacking in culture."

"Dear me, what has she done?"

"Why, she persistently and invariably neglects to sound the 'd' in 'iced tea.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good and Evil.

Accustom yourself to submit on every occasion to a small present evil to obtain a greater distant good. This will give decision, tone and energy to the mind, which thus disciplined will often reap victory from defeat and honor from repulse.—Colton.

The Mind.

Little Elois—What is the mind, Elmer? Little Elmer—The mind is something that turns round and round in your head and makes up stories.—Chicago News.

Too Modest.

Mrs. Jinks—Bingor says their baby is the smartest in the United States. Jinks—Why doesn't he claim the European rights too?—Outlook.

A desirable gift to a friend—The Centre Reporter for one year.

Red Bridal Gowns.

It is of interest to note that the choice of white for wedding gowns is comparatively of modern origin. The Roman brides wore yellow, and in most eastern countries pink is the bridal color. During the middle ages and in the renaissance period brides wore crimson to the exclusion of all other colors. Most of the Plantagenet and Tudor queens were married in that vivid hue, which is still popular in parts of Brittany, where the bride is usually dressed in crimson brocade. It was Mary Stuart who first changed the color of the bridal garments. At her marriage with Francis I. of France in 1558, which took place not before the altar, but before the great doors of Notre Dame, she was gowned in white brocade, with a train of pale blue Persian velvet six yards in length. This innovation caused a great stir in the fashionable world of that time. It was not, however, until quite the end of the seventeenth century that pure white, the color worn by royal widows, became popular for bridal garments.

Bruin Was Fishing.

I was walking up the river shore one evening about sunset watching for a deer. Rounding a bend, I saw perched upon a flat rock some few feet from shore a large black bear. I could not tell at first what he was doing. He was stooping down, with one paw in the water, waving it gently to and fro. I watched closely and saw, just beyond his reach, a large male salmon, so nearly dead that he could not swim. The bear was using his paw to create an eddy which would draw the fish within his grasp. Slowly the salmon drifted toward the rock. It was amusing to watch how carefully the bear moved his paw, so as not to frighten his prey. At last the fish came within reach. Bruin reached over, gave it a quick slap, seized it in his jaws and leaped ashore. The whole performance tickled me so that I let him go off, the salmon dangling in his mouth, without even taking a shot at him.—Charles Stuart Moody in Outing.

Pleasant Lessons In History.

Improvised historical plays form part of the history lesson in a London school. Children nine and ten years old act the battle of Hastings, boys representing William the Conqueror and King Harold leading parties of Normans and Saxons, respectively. Rulers serve as swords, and the armies advance and withdraw realistically. When the children take their seats after the combat the teacher asks them historical questions about the battle and the characters they portrayed. Among other plays presented are "The Siege of Calais" and "The Introduction of Printing Into England." In the latter play the king visits Caxton to see the printing press and have the process explained. Interest is maintained at high pitch despite the fact that there is no costuming and no stage setting, the printing press being represented by a plain wooden box.

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